


# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.**

FILE NO. 7-82

REPORT MADE AT: <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3/22/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>2/27-3/10/34.</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>K. R. MCINTIRE</b> <span style="float: right;">GVT</span>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al, UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> <p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Investigation conducted at numerous stores in Wisconsin which handle the cap in question without disclosing a purchaser fitting the description of any of the suspects in this case, or a purchaser acting in a manner to arouse suspicion. Certain parties in Tipler, Wisconsin, believe they saw Karpis in said town around the last of January or the first of February, 1934.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Ill., 3/9/34.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> Investigation was conducted in several towns in Wisconsin at stores where instant cap was sold, and the information secured is being set out in this report in the form of a memorandum submitted by Special Agent Arthur McLawhon.</p> </div> <div style="width: 35%; text-align: center;">  </div> </div>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		<b>7-576-1388</b> UNITED STATES <b>MAR 24 1934 A.M.</b> BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: <i>[initials]</i> FILE	
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CAPS

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Arthur McLawhon at the following towns with regard to caps, from February 27 to March 10, 1934:

ANIWA, WISCONSIN.  
MATTOON, WISCONSIN.  
LONG LAKE, WISCONSIN.  
TWO RIVERS, WISCONSIN.  
STURGEON BAY, WISCONSIN.  
TOWNSEND, WISCONSIN.  
TIPLER, WISCONSIN.  
ST. NAZIANZ, WISCONSIN.  
WAYSIDE, WISCONSIN.  
MANITOWOC, WISCONSIN.  
LUXEMBURG, WISCONSIN.  
AMBERG, WISCONSIN.

AT ST. NAZIANZ, WISCONSIN.

Agent displayed photographs to J. C. Kusterman and two clerks, who operate a general merchandise store in this town dealing in caps. None of these were able to identify the pictures as being anyone who had ever been in their store.

AT MANITOWOC, WISCONSIN.

At Carstens Exchange, agent exhibited photographs to the Manager and clerks of the store, none of whom were able to recognize any of the men.

AT MATTOON, WISCONSIN.

At the Mattoon Mercantile Agency operated by George Duenkel, agent exhibited the photographs to Duenkel and the clerk in his store, neither of whom could identify the men as ever having been in their store.

AT ANIWA, WISCONSIN.

Agent exhibited photographs at the store of Mr. W. C. Kautsa to Mr. Kautsa and his wife, who are the only clerks in the store. Neither were able to recognize the pictures as being anybody they had seen before.

AT TOWNSEND, WISCONSIN.

Agent exhibited photographs in the store of Mr. R. O. Pintsch to his wife, daughter and son, none of whom could identify the photographs as being anyone they had seen before.

AT LONG LAKE, WISCONSIN.

Agent exhibited photographs in the store of Mr. H. F. Hablitzel. They were viewed by both Hablitzel and his wife, neither of whom could identify them as being anyone they had ever seen before.

AT TIPLER, WISCONSIN.

Agent exhibited the photographs to Thomas Tipler and his wife in the store of Thomas Tipler and Son. Mrs. Tipler identified the picture of Alvin Karpis as being a man who came into her store about five or six weeks ago, not, however, to purchase a cap, such as had prompted this investigation, but rather to buy something to eat. He came in after supper, at approximately six o'clock, appeared to be in an awful hurry and stated that he wanted to get something to eat and something that he could get in a hurry. He purchased one can of beans, a loaf of bread, some cheese, and a package of Lucky Strike Cigarettes. He paid for these with a ten dollar bill. It was necessary for Mrs. Tipler to go into the back room of the store to get the change for this. In this back room were Mrs. Earl Tipler and Mrs. Harvey Tipler. She told these ladies to watch this man in the store as she was afraid of him. She stated that there was something about his very appearance that made her afraid inasmuch as she and the other two women were in the store alone, the men of the family having gone to a basketball game that night. She said she particularly noticed his eyes which were very mean looking. She also stated that his general attitude in the store frightened her. In reply to further inquiry on this point she said he followed her to the door to the back room, was extremely impatient, and seemed in an awful hurry. She stated that he was dressed in a dark overcoat and a cap, she could not recall the color of the cap, merely remembering that it was lighter than the overcoat. In response to inquiries as to a description of him she said he looked to be about as tall and as big as a man whom she pointed out in the store. Inquiry revealed that this man was 5'10", and weighed 145 pounds. She said the man in her store, whom she identified as Karpis, appeared to her to be about 35 years old. Mrs. Tipler stated further that when he left the store she heard him talking to at least two other men who were in a car waiting for him on the outside. She did not get a look at the car nor at the men therein, stating that it was very dark and she did not go to the door to look out at them. She had no idea as to where they had come from or where they were going, or who the men in the car with him could have been, stating merely that she knew the car left her place on State Highway 139, headed north toward Iron River, Mich.

Mrs. Earl Tipler and Mrs. Harvey Tipler also identified the photograph of Karpis as being the man they had seen in the store that night but they both admitted that they had not gotten a very good look at him, merely glancing at him through the door as they were watching the store while Mrs. Thomas Tipler was making change for the ten dollar bill which the man had given her.

In an effort to ascertain the exact date when this man had been in the store, reference was made to a basketball score book which was in the possession of one of the men in the store at that time, but inasmuch as the score book showed three games a week, being played practically every week, it was impossible to affix the particular basketball game to which the men in the family had attended on this particular night.

Photographs of the suspects were also exhibited to other people in the community in an effort to ascertain if others had seen the same man on that night.

A saloonkeeper who operates a saloon adjoining the Tipler store failed to identify the pictures as being anyone he had ever seen before.

Mr. Bill Howell, one of the men in the community who was in the saloon, said he thought he had seen the man Karpis only this past week on a truck belonging to a Mr. Murray, who lived some distance out of town on County Highway K. Howell accompanied this agent to the home of Mr. Murray and the pictures were exhibited to him but he failed to identify any of them and stated he was sure that Howell had been mistaken about seeing this man on the truck belonging to him.

#### AT AMBERG, WISCONSIN.

Agent exhibited the photographs to Mr. Joseph Smeester, his son and wife, who run a general merchandise store at Amberg and deal in the caps prompting this investigation. None of them could identify the pictures as being anyone they had ever seen before.

#### AT WAYSIDE, WISCONSIN.

Agent returned to Wayside and exhibited photographs to L. Stynski, who was absent from the store at the first visit of the agent, at which time Mrs. Stynski and her daughter could not identify the pictures; likewise Stynski failed to recognize them as being anyone he had ever seen before.

AT STURGEON BAY, WISCONSIN.

Agent interviewed Mr. I. Turschen and his wife, who run a general merchandise store at Sturgeon Bay, exhibiting the photographs to them, making inquiry concerning the sale of their caps. Neither of these people were able to identify these pictures as being anyone who had ever been in their store.

AT LUXEMBURG, WISCONSIN.

At the Farmers Trading Company agent exhibited photographs to the Manager and three clerks, none of whom could identify them as being anyone they had seen before.

AT TWO RIVERS, WISCONSIN.

Agent displayed the photographs of suspects hereinbefore mentioned at the store of Wm. J. Minges, R.F.D. Two Rivers, to Mr. Minges and a clerk. Neither could recognize the pictures as being anyone they had ever seen.

Ben Urbanik, owner of a store in Two Rivers which handles instant caps, was also interviewed and furnished no information in addition to that set out above.

In all instances above referred to where cap investigation was made, the cap was exhibited to the persons interviewed and stress laid on any possible sale of such a cap to persons unknown to themselves.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

FILE NO. 7-82

REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Ill.	DATE WHEN MADE: 3/22/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/17-21/34	REPORT MADE BY: S. K. McKee
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Officers P. L. Hutson and Edward Cooper, Michigan State Police, supplied information to effect that one [REDACTED] attorney, [REDACTED] Chicago, is possibly a contact man for Ted and Ed Bentz, "Pretty Boy" Floyd and John Dillinger. Tap placed on office telephone of [REDACTED] 3/17/34 which revealed he has a second office telephone and an unpublished residence telephone. Both office telephones tapped on 3/21/34 and efforts are being made to tap residence telephones. Data obtained through tap thus far appeared to be of negative value.</p> <p>P</p> <p>REFERENCE: Division letter dated March 17, 1934.</p> <p>DETAILS: At Chicago, Illinois.</p> <p>On March 15, 1934 Sergeants P. L. Hutson and Edward Cooper of the Michigan State Police called at the Chicago Division office and during an interview with Special Agent in Charge, M. H. Purvis, furnished the following factual information with respect to Theodore and Edward Bentz, suspects in this matter:</p> <p>That one, R. J. Caperton, 17907 Homewood Avenue, telephone Homewood 640W, Homewood, Illinois, has a wife who is a sister of the Bentz brothers; that a Mrs. Eagle (first name unknown) is a sister of the wife of Ed Bentz, this Mrs. Eagle residing in an</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>M. H. Purvis</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		<p>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <p>7-576-1389</p> <p>MAR 24 1934 A M</p> <p>BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION</p> <p>ROUTED TO: FILE</p>	
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apartment number 205, 4141 Ellis Avenue, telephone Oakland 0643, Chicago, Illinois - the above telephone being issued in the name of Catherine Wild; that a Frederick D. Benz, Palmer Avenue, Homewood, Illinois, telephone Homewood 8507, might be related to the Bentz boys; that J. B. Byron, 1821 Pine Road, telephone Homewood 611J is the second husband of Mrs. Bentz; that one of the Bentz boys is said to have bought 1933 Illinois automobile licenses, number 736658 and had it issued in the name of Edward Byron, 12009 Ridge Road, Homewood, Illinois, which address is the Homewood Hotel, and which license plates were issued for use on an Oldsmobile Sedan; that Ed Bentz is said to be presently driving a Lincoln sedan and that one of the present wives or sweethearts of Ed Bentz is one, Marian Friedmark, daughter of an old German woman who is said to live at 704 Monroe Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin and who is also said to be respectable.

Mr. Purvis was informed further that there is an attorney by the name of [redacted] with offices at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, telephone [redacted] who is the attorney for [redacted] an inmate of a state penal institution located at Jackson, Michigan; that [redacted] telephone [redacted] has a woman informant whose given name is [redacted] who contacted [redacted] on March 15, 1934, at which time she told him she had just come from Jackson, Michigan where she had seen [redacted] and that [redacted] had advised her to get in touch with him [redacted] and that he would put her in touch with Ed Bentz. It was stated that during the conversation held by [redacted] with [redacted] that [redacted] indicated to her that Ed Bentz is now with "Pretty Boy" Floyd and John Dillinger and that it would take Ed Bentz at least a day and a half to get to Chicago and that for him, [redacted] to get in touch with Ed Bentz it would require the making of at least three different telephone calls. It was also stated by the Michigan State Police Officers that this woman [redacted] knows a man in the penal institution at Jackson, Michigan named [redacted] and that she left Chicago immediately after talking with [redacted] and proceeded to Jackson, Michigan, where she will go to see [redacted] and tell him that she used his name in order to get in touch with Ed Bentz; further, that [redacted] is to tell [redacted] that she used his, [redacted], name for the same purpose.

The State Police Officers advised Mr. Purvis that [redacted] has been informed that the above information was turned over to the Chicago Division Office and that this office will communicate with [redacted] if any developments take place. Arrangements were also made to have [redacted] communicate

with this office in the event he obtains any additional information of value.

In line with the above information and under authority of the Division letter of reference, a tap was placed on office telephone number [redacted] in the name of [redacted] at about 1:30 P.M., March 17, 1934. Arrangements for this tap and the actual installation of same were made by Special Agents L. D. Nichols and W. C. Baum of the Chicago office. The listening end of this tap being in the rear of a [redacted] operated by [redacted] and his son, [redacted] located at [redacted]

A complete log of both incoming and outgoing calls has been maintained by Special Agent M. F. Glynn and the writer who have covered this tap and the same is being retained at the Chicago office in the confidential file relating to telephone taps. It is to be noted that from 80 to 100 calls per day have been received and sent over telephone [redacted] and that for the purposes of this investigation, the information learned through listening in on this phone appears to have been of a negative value; however, on the evening of March 17, 1934, one [redacted] for some similar name, called and left a message for [redacted]

The log of telephone calls has been closely examined by Special Agent A. E. Lockerman, who is assigned to the Bentz angle of this investigation, and he advises that last summer a magazine bearing the name of [redacted] was found in the place occupied by Ed and Ted Bentz.

On March 19, 1934, while the above tap was being covered, [redacted] proprietor of the [redacted] in which the tap was located, advised that he was aware of the fact that the tap was on the phone in [redacted] office, and inasmuch as [redacted] was his landlord, both he and his son felt uneasy about the phone being covered from the [redacted] phone inasmuch as his son saw the tap knew the tap was on [redacted] He advised that he and his son being put in [redacted] position would have had no way of telling a person if [redacted] on what phone the tap was being placed, inasmuch as the connection was made at a telephone terminal box. At the time of this conversation with [redacted] the writer, of course, did not admit to him that the tap was on the phone of [redacted]

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During the course of the above tap it was learned that, in addition to telephone [redacted] which is located in [redacted] office, there is also a second phone located in the office, the number being [redacted] in addition, the tap revealed that there is an unpublished telephone located in the residence of [redacted] at [redacted] - same being listed to [redacted]

In view of the fact that [redacted] and his son had learned the location of the telephone on which the tap had been placed and because of possible embarrassment to them, Special Agent in Charge, Purvis, instructed that the location of the tap be changed and that the new tap, when installed, be placed on both of [redacted] office telephones. Arrangements for the change of the tap on the office phones were made by Special Agent L. D. Nichols and the writer and the same was installed and put into operation about 2:00 P.M., March 21, 1934, in the third floor, rear apartment home of one, [redacted] located at [redacted] which is two city blocks distant from the office of [redacted]. The log of telephone calls obtained through this tap is for the period from 1:30 P.M., March 17, 1934 to 2:00 P.M., March 21, 1934.

At the present writing efforts are being made to secure a suitable location for the placing of a tap on the residence telephone of [redacted] at [redacted]

In accordance with the instructions in the Division letter of reference, semi-weekly reports will be rendered in connection with negative results obtained, and the Division will be advised immediately in the event any information of value is secured.

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
March 22, 1934

Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
et al. Unknown Subjects.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-82.

Dear Sir:-

3/27/34 This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of  
March 19, 1934, in which you transmitted a specimen of the  
handwriting of Mrs. U. E. Barker, aliases - Mrs. Katherine  
Barker, Kate Barker, Kate Hunter, Mrs. Carrie Barker, Mrs. Kate  
Dunlop, Mrs. Arthur Hunter, the mother of Arthur H. and  
Fred Barker.

You requested that this letter be photostated  
and the original and the letter of transmittal, dated Sept.  
13, 1929 from the Warden to M. F. Amrine, be returned to the  
Kansas City Office.

Accordingly, photostatic copies of the said  
letter have been prepared and five copies are being supplied  
to each office to which a copy of this letter is being  
directed.

The original specimen and the letter of trans-  
mittal are being returned herewith to the Kansas City Office.

Very truly yours,

KRM:TMH  
CC: Division, Encl.  
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M. E. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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Laboratory Report

Case: Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al.  
Edward George Bremer, Victim  
7-576-1390

Number:

Specimens: 1 letter in handwriting of Mrs. G. E. Barker, with aliases.  
Letter addressed to Warden, dated 8-8-29, Tulsa, Okla.

*fingerprint cards of Kathryn Hall 552942  
and Gertrude Lee P. D. Cleveland 66408/29  
and Katherine Barker 66408/29*

Examination requested by: Inspector W. A. Rorer - St. Paul Div. Office.

Date received: 3-26-34

Examination requested: Laboratory.

Result of examination:

Examination by:

*W. A. Rorer*  
*Not sufficient to determine  
but could be Katherine Barker  
don't look like any of them*


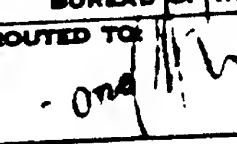


# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Kansas City, Mo.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3-22-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3-9 to 21-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>M. C. SPEAR</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Interview with Henry Bannon, County Jail, Liberty, Mo. reported herein. Photographs Paula Harmon and Arthur R. Barker identified by Fritz Mulloy, Kansas City, Mo., subject in Kanmo case, as being in Kansas City Spring of 1933 when Vernon Miller and Vivian Mathis were that city. Further investigation possible Bremer hideout Davenport, Iowa, indicate negative results. Kanner records maintained National-Bellas-Hess, Inc., K.C.Mo., mail order house, make it impossible to obtain information relative sales of socks similar to those furnished Victim by abductors. No further information relative Joe, Frank and Tony, Kansas City, obtained.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b></p> <p>Report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 3-9-1934.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>Reference is made to report of Special Agent K.R. McIntire, Chicago, dated 2-21-1934 setting out a lead for an interview with Henry Bannon, who was reported incarcerated in the Clay County Jail at Liberty, Missouri, which lead was covered by Special Agent G. F. Hurley, his memorandum thereon being as follows:</p>			
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Kansas City, Missouri  
March 13, 1934.

MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED BY SPECIAL AGENT G. F. HURLEY:

IN RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

On March 1, 1934 Agent interviewed Henry Bannon, County Jail, Liberty, Missouri, and discussed with him in detail the information set out in the report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, dated 2-21-34.

Bannon advised that his home was in Leavenworth, Kansas, but that for a number of years he has been running whiskey in and about Dubuque, Iowa. He also advised that he had been involved in a number of box car thefts and that the case in which he was picked up on is the outgrowth of a theft he committed on a box car sometime ago. Bannon states that a man by the name of Rufus Brown operates a restaurant at East Dubuque known as "The Old White Owl"; that Martin Rieder (not Rider) operates a restaurant in close proximity known as "The Midnight Sun"; that both of the above restaurants are hangouts for gangsters and racketeers.

Bannon stated that he met Jew Eddie and Red McLaughlin at the above restaurants sometime last August. He states that the last time he saw either of them was about last Thanksgiving. He advised that "Jew Eddie" and "Red" McLaughlin had many racketeering contacts at Dubuque, St. Paul, Minnesota and Rochester, Minnesota. He is not at all certain whether or not they were connected with any organized mob. He advised that "Jew Eddie" and "Red" McLaughlin, when they first appeared in Dubuque, were interested in operating gambling houses, and in this connection they were in constant contact with one Fred Luzier. He stated that Fred Luzier now practically controls the beer industry at Dubuque, Iowa and that he is the agent for Schmidt City Club Beer.

He further advised that one Fred Geisser, a brother of Maurice Geisser, a prominent Chicago racketeer handled quite a bit of business for "Jew Eddie" and "Red" McLaughlin at Dubuque. He further advised that one "Babe" Jones was well acquainted with "Red" McLaughlin and "Jew Eddie" and from this acquaintance he draws the conclusion that both "Red" McLaughlin and "Jew Eddie" were interested in the snatching racket. He advised that "Babe" Jones was supposed to have perpetrated a kidnaping about a year ago of one "Red" McGuire, and he has heard information to the effect that "Red" McLaughlin was the finger man on the above kidnaping. He further stated that the

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original plans had been to kidnap Fred Luzier (not Lizira) but through some mixup McGuire was the victim. Bannon stated that shortly after Thanksgiving "Jew Eddie" and "Red" McLaughlin made a hasty departure from East Dubuque and rumor had it that the Department of Justice operatives were searching for "Red" McLaughlin and "Jew Eddie" in connection with some kidnaping case. Bannon states that "Jew Eddie" and "Red" McLaughlin and Rufus Brown did have in their possession about \$500.00 in United States Postage Stamps, and that they tried to get him to dispose of some of these stamps. However, he stated he did not help dispose of these stamps but does know that some disposition was made of them.

Bannon was asked what information "Heinie" Jenson of East Dubuque might have in his possession which would throw any light upon the instant case. He advises that Jenson, who resides at 1598 Alta Place, East Dubuque, was also a liquor runner in that district and consequently was well acquainted with all the racketeering enterprises that have taken place in that region. He further stated that Jenson is hostile to Fred Luzier because of some argument they had, and that he might divulge information concerning Luzier which would in turn connect up with the present case. He lays no foundation for the fact that Luzier might have been involved in the present case other than the fact that he was a companion of criminals in that locality.

b7C He further advised that the wife of Rufus Brown might be a prolific source of information.

[REDACTED] He further advised that one Rose Eannori, of Dubuque, might be a source of information.

[REDACTED] and that if some pressure were exerted on her she would probably talk.

He further advised that one W. E. Mulgrew, who did stay with George Baker at Rochester, Minnesota might be a source of information. Baker, according to the report of reference, is now incarcerated in the Cook County Jail, Chicago, Illinois. He is originally from Oelwein, Iowa. Mulgrew was an employee of Baker in the liquor traffic and was well acquainted with "Red" McLaughlin and "Jew Eddie". Bannon gave a telephone number, Rochester 128, at which Mulgrew might be contacted. At this point Bannon stated he had information in his possession which might be of interest to the Department of Justice with regard to Mulgrew. He states that about a year ago Mulgrew was running liquor out of Chicago, together with one known as "Gabby"; that they were stopped on the road while driving a Studebaker Sedan by two highway policemen near Joliet. Bannon stated that the police had been paid off for the privilege of running

this liquor but on the instant occasion some dispute had arisen as to their cut in the proceeds from the sale of the liquor. The two policemen, after stopping the car, were about to arrest both Mulgrew and "Gabby" when Mulgrew drew his revolver and shot both of the police officers. Bannon is not certain whether or not the officers died but did know they were seriously wounded. Bannon states that if the party known as "Gabby" could be located and the above information were disclosed to him that he would probably be willing to talk.

Bannon further stated that Mulgrew's wife now has in her possession a book in which are listed all the names and addresses of prominent racketeers in that part of the country, and that if this book were obtained it would be a great source of information to the Division, especially with regard to criminals operating in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa. "Gabby" is now reported to be living at Rochester.

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Bannon also related the following information: That Sheriff Jack Ehrlers, of Galena, Illinois, is intimately acquainted with Martin Reider; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Bannon advised that this information might be used to press Reider for information, and he further advised that Reider might now be willing to talk in view of the fact that his son is now in the same trouble for which Bannon is being held in jail.

Bannon talked in detail with regard to the possibility of "Jew Eddy" and "Red" McLaughlin being involved in the instant case. He bases his conclusions on the fact that "Red" and "Eddie" were well acquainted in Rochester and St. Paul, and he further theorizes that inasmuch as Victim Bremer was released at Rochester that the hide-out for the gang may have been some place near Dubuque, Iowa. He admits that he has no basic information upon which to base the above theory other than his own suppositions.

Bannon was questioned with regard to the information contained in reference report that "Jew Eddie" had told him, Bannon, that he had connections and friends in St. Paul which would make it possible for him to commit such a kidnaping. Bannon states that "Jew Eddie" had told him about his connections in St. Paul, but he does not remember whether or not "Jew Eddie" ever stated that he intended to pull off a kidnaping.

Reference report indicates that a Missouri State Trooper named Ellis displayed a picture of one Hadley, alias Karpis to O. H. Abbott, Special Agent for the C. B. & Q. Railroad. The Chicago Office is advised that in 1930 Subject Alvin Karpis was picked up at Kansas City on a charge of larceny of an automobile and at that time he gave his

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name as Hadley. State Trooper Ellis was interviewed and advised that he had received a photograph of Subject Karpis, alias Hadley, from Special Agent W. F. Trainor, of the Kansas City Division Office and that this was the picture which he showed to Mr. Abbott.

Description of "Jew Eddie" as obtained from Henry Bannon is as follows:

AGE	38 or 40
WEIGHT	145 lbs.
HAIR	Bald
HEIGHT	5' 9"
EYES	Dark
COMPLEXION	Dark
PECULIARITIES	Limps when walking.

Description of "Red" McLaughlin as obtained from Henry Bannon is as follows:

AGE	30
HEIGHT	5' 10½"
WEIGHT	160 lbs.
HAIR	Red
COMPLEXION	Light
EYES	Blue

Bannon states that he has served time (in 1927) at Anamosa, on a four year liquor sentence, and that he was released from this institution in 1931. He states that he was picked up on January 13, 1934 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin on a technical charge of driving with fictitious license plates, and he was thereupon extradited to Missouri where he is being held for robbery of box cars, which occurred some years ago.



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Reference is made to letter from Special Agent in Charge Gus Jones, San Antonio, Texas, to the Kansas City Office under date of March 9, 1934, relative to the diamond rings sent by Allen & Kasperson, Jewelers, of Houston, Texas to Paula Brannon (Harmon) at Kansas City, Missouri, on May 10, 1933, reference also being made to report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, San Antonio, dated March 10, 1934.

In addition to the memorandum of Special Agent W. F. Trainer incorporated herein at this point, attention is directed to letters from the Kansas City Office to the Division dated March 13 and 14, 1934, under the caption of "VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL - CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER", two copies of which were furnished the St. Paul office.

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Kansas City, Missouri.  
March 13, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE E. E. CONROY:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL,  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to telephone call from Special Agent in Charge Gus T. Jones of the San Antonio office to this office on March 8, 1934, advising that Paula Harmon, nee Paula Brannon, had, under her name as Paula Brannon, two diamond rings in the pawn shop of Allen & Kasperson (jewelers), at Houston, Texas, which were forwarded to her on May 10, 1933, from Houston to 14 East 56th Street Terrace, Kansas City, Missouri.

As noted, at the time of the telephone conversation, this is the address of Frank B. Mulloy, Subject in the case of Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, (Deceased), et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

With Special Agent H. E. Andersen, the writer interviewed Mrs. Edna Mulloy, wife of the Subject Frank B. Mulloy, on March 8th, at her residence in Kansas City. At first, she denied that she had any knowledge of, or acquaintance with, a woman named Paula Brannon, or Paula Harmon. She was asked whether she recalled the delivery of a package of jewelry from any point in Texas to her house for Paula Brannon. A description of Paula Brannon, particularly her facial blemish (an injured nose) was suggested to Mrs. Mulloy, who apparently became aware of the fact that the matter was already known, and at that point, she stated that she did have some recollection of such a package being delivered, and that she had been present at the house when a delivery man, probably from the Express Company, brought the package; that Mrs. Hattie Layman, her housekeeper, answered the door, and that she, Mrs. Mulloy, instructed that the package be returned, as she did not know Paula Brannon. She admitted that she immediately informed Paula Brannon that the package had been brought to the house and returned to the office of the carrier, whoever it might be. She was evasive as to the means

whereby she reached her, but stated that she saw Paula with Vivian Mathis, paramour of Vernon C. Miller, and that Paula had either called at the house immediately after the package was brought there, or had given her information before that time, where it was to be delivered.

When shown a photograph of Paula Brannon, she identified it, after some study, as a likeness of the woman for whom the package was intended. She denied that she knew her intimately, or that she had entertained Paula Brannon at her house for more than a few moments, when Paula called with Vivian. She also stated that she had seen Paula at the home of Vernon C. Miller about that same time, and that she was not accompanied by any man, as far as she knew. Mrs. Mulloy was obviously evasive, and no further information could be secured from her.

Frank B. Mulloy was interviewed at the Blue Ribbon Beer Agency, 21st and Wyandotte, Telephone No. Victor 4400, which establishment, Mulloy operates jointly with June Kathrens. He advised the Agents that Paula Brannon was casually known to him, and that he met her through the paramour of Vernon C. Miller sometime in the spring of 1933. He claimed to have no definite recollection of the details whereby Paula received a package shipped to her at his house and stated that the package might have been left at the house for her, but anyway, he knew it was a diamond ring, which she had had "in hock." He also stated that Paula came to the 85th Street Tavern, which was jointly operated by him at Kansas City in the spring of 1933, and that she had with her a male escort, whom he described as being short in stature, weighing about 150 pounds, dark hair, but considerably bald, with probably a tinge of gray. When shown the photograph of Paula Brannon, he immediately identified it, however, he did so in a rather grudging fashion.

When shown a group of photographs, Mulloy picked out the photograph of Arthur R. Barker as the male companion of Paula Brannon, whom he stated was at the 85th Street Tavern with her. He claimed to be unable to fix the time of year except by saying that it was "the spring of 1933" when he saw these parties. He professed inability to state where they were stopping in Kansas City. No other details were obtainable from Mulloy.

At the Railway Express Agency, Union Station, Kansas City, Missouri, a search of the records revealed that on 5-13-33, an insured package, traveling on Way Bill No. 880381, consigned by Allen Casperson, Houston, Texas, to Mrs. Paula Brannon, 14 East 56th Street Terrace, declared value \$1,000.00, was delivered from the "ON HAND" DEPARTMENT at the office of the Railway Express Agency at the Union Station to Paula Brannon, who signed for same. It is shown that an attempt was made to deliver the package at 14 East 56th Street Terrace, and the notation is shown "Not there." The package was delivered by Clerk George Stipe, with the O.K. of Mr. A. Mc Masters, District Agent of the Railway Express Agency here. Copy of the Way Bill and the Delivery Sheet, which is an exact copy of the Way Bill, are in possession of Mr. Mc Masters.

When interviewed, Mr. Mc Masters stated that he does not recall the basis for his O.K. on the delivery of the package, and when shown the photograph of Paula Harmon, he claimed not to recall her or any of the details surrounding the delivery. He was then asked to summon the clerk, George Stipe, for interview, which was done, and it was plainly indicated that Mc Masters did not desire to divulge the basis for his O.K. of the delivery.

Stipe when viewing the Delivery Record advised that he definitely recalled that "a politician" had come with Paula Harmon and talked to Mr. Mc Masters when he O.K.'d the delivery. Stipe then informed that he had noted down the name of the politician on the back of the Delivery Record. When same was produced the words, "Accompanied by Frank B. Mulloy" were found.

Mr. Mc Masters then advised that he is well acquainted with Frank B. Mulloy and claimed that he was surprised to recall the incident.

Further interview with Mulloy is not being had for the present in connection with this delivery, since it is evident, that he would furnish no facts, other than those already known.

It may be stated that George Stipe, the clerk who delivered the package, appeared entirely frank and willing to furnish information. He advised that there was no other individual with Paula Harmon, when he delivered the package except Mulloy.

Paula Brannon gave no local address, other than that shown as 14 East 56th Street Terrace, when she secured the package.

With further reference to letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, 3-2-1934 and Kansas City Office reply dated 3-10-1934 concerning 1934 Nebraska license plates number 14-770, Special Agent J. R. Green has submitted the following memorandum:

"On my arrival at Hastings at 3:10 this afternoon I received your communication of March 7th, with letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, of 3-2-1934. This letter arrived after my departure on March 8th, for I had asked for mail just prior thereto.

Agent immediately hurried to the County Treasurer's Office of Adams County, Hastings, Nebraska, and assisted by A. J. Theobald, County Treasurer, secured the following information:

1934 Nebraska license plates were issued to LeRoy Laase, 711 Turner Avenue, Hastings, Nebraska, on January 11, 1934, for a 1933 Chevrolet Sedan, Motor number 3,577,615, and was renewal of 1933 Nebraska license 14-770 issued to LeRoy Laase, June 15, 1933, on this same car. Bill of Sale filed on securing of the 1933 license disclosed that said car was purchased new from the Western Auto Sales Company, Hastings, Nebraska, by LeRoy Laase, June 14, 1933. No serial number was disclosed in registration or Bill of Sale. Dealer selling same carries #14 D 6 license plates.

When Agent asked County Treasurer Theobald if aforesaid license plates had been reported stolen, he replied not. He stated that LeRoy Laase, was Professor of Debate and Public Speaking, at Hastings College, Hastings, Nebraska, which is maintained by the Presbyterian Church of Nebraska; that he was a man of splendid reputation, would do nothing dishonorable, and could be confidentially contacted by Agent.

Raymond Crosson, Sheriff of Adams County, informed that he was not acquainted with Mr. Laase, but he would not be employed by aforesaid College if not all right and that information secured from County Treasurer Theobald could be depended on concerning Laase.

Accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Arnold, Agent confidentially interviewed Prof. LeRoy Laase at his office on the Hastings College Campus. He advised that his license plates had neither been lost or stolen; that week before last he took the debating team from Hastings College in his 1933 Chevrolet DeLuxe, 4 door sedan, black body, side mounts, motor number 3577615 to St. Paul to participate in a debating tournament at St. Thomas College, St. Paul, in which 12 college debating teams participated; that they were there in aforesaid sedan from Tuesday noon of February 27th to noon of Friday, March 2, 1934; that he and his team registered at the St. Frances Hotel; that aforesaid car was used principally while they were going down Summit Avenue from the St. Frances Hotel to St.

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Thomas College and return; each night the car being kept in the St. Frances Garage excepting the last night, March 1st, when it was left out all night on the curb by the St. Frances Hotel. Professor Laase volunteered that if he could render any further assistance in this matter he would gladly do so. Being unfamiliar with the streets in St. Paul and Minneapolis, he stated he could not tell just what streets the car might have been on, but its principal route was as heretofore described. Carbon copy of telegram immediately dispatched to the Kansas City Office on securing of this information is attached hereto. Mr. Laase still has aforesaid car in his possession.

The following memorandum has been submitted by Special Agent W. F. Trainor:

"On March 10, 1934, while in telephonic conversation with Sheriff Dean Rogers of Topeka, Kansas, Agent was advised that a South Dakota 1934 License Tag, No. 1-1334, had been seen at Topeka by an informant of the Sheriff, and that he suspected the car on which the license was used might be driven by the wife of Alvin Karpis, namely, Dorothy Slayman. He had not secured details as to the make of the car, or the place in Topeka where the same was seen. His belief that the car might be suspicious was based on the fact that there had been a bank robbery at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, a day or so before, March 10th. A telegram was, therefore, dispatched to the St. Paul office with the request that the license tag be checked to determine the identity of the owner, and any details of interest in connection therewith."

The St. Paul Office on March 10, 1934, was telegraphically requested to check the owner of these plates, and in reply thereto Inspector W. A. Rorer wired from St. Paul on March 10, 1934 as follows:

"BREMID SOUTHDAKOTA LICENSE PLATES THIS YEAR ONE ONE THREE THREE FOUR ISSUED WILLIAM SPATH SIOUX FALLS SOUTHDAKOTA FOR DESOTO SEDAN THOMAS SPATH BROTHER OF OWNER LEFT SIOUX FALLS YESTERDAY IN THIS CAR FOR TOPEKA KANSAS IS SALESMAN LOUISIANA LUMBER COMPANY DESCRIBED FORTY YEARS SIX FEET ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY POUNDS COMPLEXION LIGHT EYES BLUE WEARING LIGHT TAN SUIT ARRESTED TWICE NINETEEN THIRTY SIOUX FALLS BOOTLEGGING."

Reference is made to report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 3-1-1934, page 2 thereof, relative to investigation of Special Agent Lish Whitson of the possible Bremer hideout in Davenport, Iowa, based upon information furnished by Mrs. Mary Kroll, 2340 East High Street, Davenport, Iowa. Additional investigation was made by Special Agent O. C. Dewey at Davenport, Iowa, as reflected by the following memorandum submitted by him:

"Accompanied by Sheriff Frank Martin, of Davenport, Iowa, I called on Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cerney, of 2326 East High Street, Davenport, and questioned

them relative to the person brought into their home during January with a bandage on their head. Each denied that any such a party had been brought to their place; they likewise denied that any injured man at any time had been brought there. They denied having any parties or numerous persons calling on them at night.

Mr. Cerney stated that he was a Bohemian; that he came to this country 30 years ago, and first visited in Colorado, and later came to Davenport; that for 23 years he has been employed by the Bettendorf Manufacturing Company, a large railroad car construction company, and for several years was an assistant foreman, until laid off two years ago. Since then he has odd jobs and has been working for the CWA. He has five children, one just returned from the Navy, the other employed in a local cigar store, and a girl employed part time at a soda fountain. He owns his own home.

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The complainant in this case, Mrs. Mary Kroll, is an Austrian.

There are being quoted herein memoranda submitted by Special Agents Lish Whitson and O. C. Dewey, dated February 22, 1934 and March 17, 1934, respectively, relative to one Bernie Shelton at Davenport, Iowa.

"The Sheriff of Davenport, Scott County, Iowa, told this Agent that a negro named John Kiester, alias Oscar Jackson, who was recently returned to the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet from Rock Island County, Illinois, had told him that on December 10, 1933 one Bernie Shelton, a gambler and alleged trafficker in narcotics and enjoying a generally bad reputation in Illinois and Minnesota, had registered at the Blackhawk Hotel, Davenport, Iowa, under an alias, probably that of Jenkins, and had sent the negro, Kiester, alias Jackson, down to meet a train coming in from St. Paul to get two women, who were supposed to be coming down from St. Paul on that train. Kiester got the women and took them to Shelton's room. Shelton at this time was said by the Sheriff's informant to have strong connections in the Twin Cities in Minnesota, and was at that time attempting to negotiate the purchase or lease of a tract of land in or near the City of Davenport, Iowa.

The Blackhawk Hotel angle on this tip was not investigated by this Agent, because of sudden recall to Kansas City, but the Sheriff will be able and willing to cooperate with this Division in attempting to locate the individual with whom Shelton was dealing in the matter of the land, and also in checking up on Shelton's contacts in Davenport.

This may have some bearing upon the Bremer case, inasmuch as Shelton is believed to have been the advance man for several criminal activities in the middle west.

Respectfully submitted:

Lish Whitson  
Special Agent

"Relative to the report of Sheriff Martin, Davenport, Iowa, that he had received word from John Kiester, alias Oscar Jackson, negro, that BERNIE SHELTON, Illinois gangster, had stopped at the Blackhawk Hotel on December 10, 1933, I checked the records thoroughly to verify this report, but did not get much information. SHELTON is reported to have been at this Hotel on December 10, 1933, in Room 422, and possibly used the name of Jenkins.

The Manager of the Hotel, Mr. Lofgren, advised that Room 422 is a \$4.00 a day room, and is not often used. This room was occupied on December 6th for one night by L. B. Ward and wife; again on December 26th for one night by W. D. Keenan and Frank Mulholland.

Checking the records under the letter "J", I find that a L. B. Jenkins and wife were registered in room 805 on December 20th for one night; and that an H. F. Jessen was registered on December 15th in room 922.

All cars from this Hotel are sent to the Yellow Cab Garage, and a check here revealed that a Stutz car was brought in here for storage on the night of December 8th with 1933 Minnesota license #B-37-644. Shelton is said to drive a Stutz car and this is possibly his. I did not ask the garage for too much information. I believe it worthwhile to have St. Paul check on this number for possible future reference. The informant in this case, John Kiester, is now incarcerated in the Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois. An interview with him might develop additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

O. C. DEWEY  
SPECIAL AGENT

Reference is made to letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, 3-14-1934 to the Kansas City Division Office requesting investigation at the National-Bellows-Hess Company, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri, relative to the socks furnished Victim Bremer by his abductors. Special Agent R. B. Donaldson has submitted the following memorandum relative to his investigation along this line:

Reference is made to a letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer dated at St. Paul, Minn. March 14, 1934 pertaining to the above captioned case wherein certain investigation relative to socks is requested at Kansas City, Mo.

Upon calling at the office and plant of National Bellas Hess, Inc., located at 5401 Independence Ave., Mr. Lawrence H. Gabrini was interviewed. Mr. Gabrini is manager of the Hosiery and Underwear department. He explained that this concern is strictly a mail order house doing business all over the United States and also pointed out that 99% of this business is carried on by use of the mails and the sales are made to individuals. It was further explained to agent that no detailed record as to specific articles purchased is kept. A record is merely made showing name and address of the purchaser and the amount of the purchase. These names are arranged first by cities and general localities then placed in alphabetical order under this geographical arrangement. The files of this company contain, according to Mr. Gabrini, about 4,500,000 names of so called current customers, i.e. persons who have made purchases within the last two years.

With regard to the specific style of sock of interest in this case, photograph of which was displayed by agent, Mr. Gabrini consulted his records of purchases but could not find or recall this exact sock. A great quantity of similar socks were purchased during the past two years from the Rockford Mitten and Hosiery Mills. Agent examined five different samples, all of which were different from the one herein involved. It is possible, according to this informant, that the mill had partially filled an order with this particular type sock, temporarily being out of a supply of some similar sock which had been ordered. This occasionally happens. Several old catalogues were examined by Mr. Gabrini and he stated that no photo or description of the instant sock could be found.

In conclusion Mr. Gabrini stated that it would be entirely impossible to trace from his records the data desired as this could only be accomplished by personally calling upon every person who had made a purchase and ask them what articles had been purchased. He stated that he would gladly cause a check of the name files for any names that might be submitted provided a city or town would be indicated as an address.

Special Agent W. F. Trainor has submitted the following memorandum relative to Jim Harmon, the deceased brother of Paula Harmon; attention being directed to report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, San Antonio, Texas, 8-1-1934:



Kansas City, Missouri.  
March 14, 1934.

MEMORANDUM.

In connection with the Bremer kidnaping case, reference is made to the report of this Agent dated at Kansas City, February 20, 1934, wherein mention is made of Jim Harmon, a brother-in-law of Paula Harmon, who is being sought for the purpose of locating Arthur R. Barker and others.

Information was secured from the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing that Jim Harmon, correct name J. I. Harmon, was received at that institution June 27, 1931, from Johnson County, Kansas, and that he died in the hospital at the penitentiary April 4, 1933.

While at the penitentiary, Harmon corresponded with the following:

Miss Nora Mauhar, 2205 E 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

E. K. Walker, Longview, Texas.

Miss Helen Howard, Kilgore, Texas.

Mrs. Frank Mikael, 537 Elizabeth Street, Kansas City, Kansas.

Betty Holiday, 415 East 30th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

Melvin Ash, Austin, Texas.

A. L. Clifford, Parshall, Colorado.

It is indicated by the correspondence record that Miss Mauhar moved to some point in Texas, and the file shows that she has been recently interviewed by Agents in the Dallas District. Also you will note that Mrs. Frank Mikael is no longer living at Kansas City, Kansas, pursuant to inquiries recently made by Special Agent Bray, and that she is now living in Texas, and will be interviewed.

W. F. TRARNOR  
Special Agent

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Reference is made to letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, 3-8-1934 to Special Agent R. C. Coulter, c/o General Delivery, Omaha, Nebraska, relative to Joe, Frank and Tony; reference also being made to report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, Kansas City, Missouri 3-1-1934, pages 5 to 15, and to report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, 2-20-1934, pages 2 to 4. No further information has been obtained by this office as to the identity of Joe, Frank and Tony. Frequent contact is had with Sheriff Rogers at Topeka, Kansas, but he advised Special Agent B. R. Allen on March 21, 1934, that he has been unable to carry out his plans of having Bully Brown, bootlegger of Topeka, to come to Kansas City to endeavor to determine the true identity of Joe, Frank and Tony in view of Brown's absence from Topeka. This matter will be pursued further by the Kansas City Office.

Special Agent W. F. Trainor has submitted the following memorandum relative to information received from Sheriff Rogers, above named, of Topeka, Kansas:

"Sheriff Dean Rogers called this office today and requested that I phone him when I arrived at the office, which was done.

Mr. Rogers stated that he had just received a telegram from the Chief of Police at Sioux Falls, South Dakota to the effect that the photographs of Alvin Karpis, T. L. Carroll and one of the Barkers (which one not stated in the telegram) had been identified by parties in Sioux Falls as likenesses of the men who participated in the robbery of a bank at Sioux Falls recently.

A telegram was sent to the St. Paul Office from this office immediately on March 18th, stating the information regarding these reported identifications.

Mr. Rogers also informed Agent that there is a war on between various factions of bootleggers in Topeka. That two brothers named Joe and Vincent Murphy are members of that class there. Vincent Murphy is now located at Hutchinson, Kansas and is under observation of police, while Joe Murphy is located in the vicinity of Topeka, and Mr. Rogers has an arrangement whereby he will be "placed on the spot" for arrest on a charge of violating the State Prohibition Law within the next two or three days.

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Rogers was informed by [REDACTED] that on December 14, 1933 he observed the attempt to kidnap Mr. Harry Wolf of the National Bank of Topeka and that Joe Murphy was one of those who participated in the attempt. The names of [REDACTED] were not mentioned by Mr. Rogers telephonically. He stated, however, that the man who furnished this information [REDACTED] is of bad character and would not cooperate with the law enforcement officers. However, he is working [REDACTED] to secure additional data in this connection.

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It is the theory of Mr. Rogers, which seems plausible, that the attempt to kidnap Harry Wolf during December 1933 had a direct connection with the later attempt (February 15, 1934) to rob the same bank through the attack on Don Hasbrook (of that bank) and his family. Mr. Rogers stated that in his investigation of the attempted robbery of the bank as of February 15th he learned that Joe Murphy, and others, were seen in the vicinity of the Hasbrook home about the time the offense occurred. He also stated that the Murphy brothers are undoubtedly friendly with Karpis and the Barkers.

Mr. Rogers advised that he has information that several days ago Joe Murphy appeared at a bank in the outskirts of Topeka, Kansas, with a great quantity of five dollar bills, and requested the bank to change them for fifty dollar bills. That because of the great quantity of money the bank was unable to take care of it and he took the money away without changing it.

Mr. Rogers stated that he will keep in close touch with this office regarding the location of Joe Murphy and as soon as he can be arrested this office will be advised. He also promised to pursue, through [REDACTED] who is his confidential contact, any and all information regarding major crimes which may be related by [REDACTED] there, who is apparently at enmity with other factions of that class.

The Sheriff states that he does not know of any criminal records which the Murphys (Vincent and Joe) have had, and therefore he does not know where their photographs and fingerprints can be secured.

Attention is called in connection with this memorandum to the reports in the file entitled August Gus Kahn, with aliases, et al; Harry D. Wolf - Victim, Kidnaping, Impersonation; as well as to the data contained in the Bremer kidnaping file wherein T. L. Carroll, Karpis and the Barkers have been prominently mentioned."

PENDING.

March 21, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I am forwarding herewith a confidential memorandum, for your information, which forms the basis of the statement that Arthur R. Barker and Alvin Karpis are known to have been participants in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota on January 17, 1934.

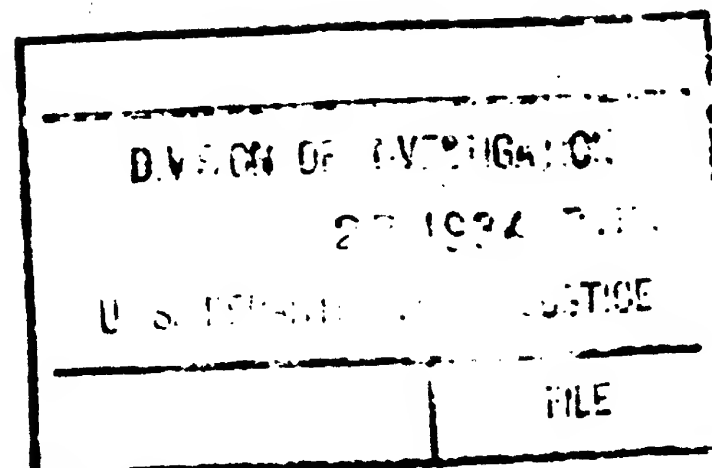
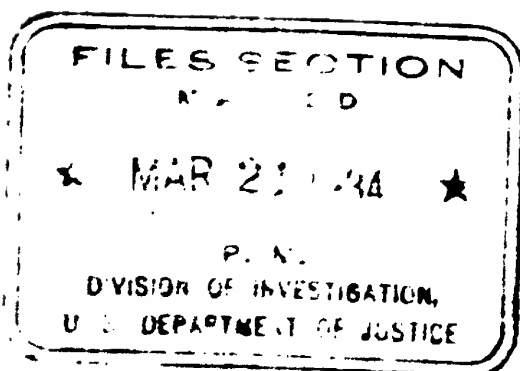
Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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March 21, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM

RE: IDENTIFICATIONS IN THE  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM,  
KIDNAPING CASE.

Immediately after Mr. Bremer was released on February 7, 1934 by the kidnapers at Rochester, Minnesota and returned to his home, efforts were made by the Division to obtain from him as many details as possible concerning his travels, the place where he was held by the kidnapers and their identities.

Although Mr. Bremer has been able to submit but little and meager information, he stated that the car in which he was returned contained several five gallon gasoline cans, which were removed from the car at about half way between the point where he was held by the kidnapers and the point at which he was released - Rochester, Minnesota - apparently for the purpose of refilling the car with gasoline. Consequently a search was begun to locate these gasoline cans, which resulted in locating four of such five gallon gasoline cans at a point near Portage, Wisconsin, which is about 235 miles from St. Paul, Minnesota. The cans were immediately forwarded to Division headquarters at Washington and examined for latent fingerprints, which resulted in the development of a print which was subsequently identified as that of Arthur R. Barker, a notorious criminal who is known to be operating in the middle west.

Walter Magee, the contact man who delivered the ransom money, was also thoroughly questioned in an effort to obtain information which might prove helpful in determining the identities of the kidnapers. Mr. Magee stated that he received orders to proceed to a certain point in St. Paul where he would locate an automobile at 8:00 P.M. on February 6, 1934; that in the side pocket of this car he would locate further instructions as to the procedure to be followed in delivering the ransom. The instructions indicated that he should travel from St. Paul towards Farmington, Minnesota and en route he would notice a number of flash lights which were signals to take another road.

Three flash lights were subsequently located near Zumbrota, Minnesota and found to bear the trade mark of "A Merit Product". A canvass was instituted in an effort to identify the purchasers of such flash lights. At the F. & W. Grand Silver Store at St. Paul, Minnesota, it was ascertained that a clerk at the hardware counter, on January 27, 1934, sold three such flash lights to an unknown person. The clerk had a vivid recollection of the transaction in question and was able to describe in detail the

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purchaser, her curiosity having been aroused by the fact that the purchase of three such flash lights was unusual. Photographs of suspects in this case were exhibited to this clerk who singled out and positively identified the photograph of Alvin Karpis as the purchaser. This clerk also described the clothes which Karpis wore upon this occasion. In the car which Mr. Magee was instructed to use in delivering the ransom, a cap was found which was identified as that worn by Alvin Karpis at the time he made this purchase.

Arthur R. Barker and Alvin Karpis are among the nation's most desperate criminals and have long criminal records. Alvin Karpis is wanted for murder at West Plains, Missouri and Arthur R. Barker was received at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester on February 19, 1922 to serve a life sentence on a charge of murder. He was paroled on September 10, 1932.

Arthur R. Barker has a brother, Lloyd Barker, now serving a sentence of 25 years in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth on a charge of mail robbery. He also has a brother, Fred Barker, who is known to have been associated with Arthur R. Barker for the past several years in his criminal activities and who also has a long criminal record.

Other known associates of the Barkers and Karpis, who are probably implicated in this kidnaping, are Harry Campbell and Volney Davis, both of whom have criminal records. Davis was received at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester on February 3, 1923 on a charge of murder, under a life sentence. He escaped on January 8, 1925 and was returned on January 25, 1925. On November 3, 1932 he was granted leave of absence until July 1, 1933, which was extended to July 1, 1934. Photographs of the above described individuals are attached hereto.

The following are the criminal records and descriptions of the above named individuals:

**ARTHUR R. BARKER**

Descriptions:	
Age	34
Height	5' 3-3/4"
Weight	119
Build	Short
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium

**Criminal Records:**

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**ALVIN KARPIS**

**Descriptions:**

Age	25
Height	5' 9-3/4"
Weight	150
Build	Slender
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair

**Criminal Records:**

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The following notations appear on the records

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FRED BARKER

Descriptions	
Age	32
Height	5' 4"
Weight	120
Build	Slender
Hair	Sandy
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Median Fair

Criminal Records

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The following notations appear on the records

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**HARRY CAMPBELL**

**Descriptions:**

Age	30
Height	5' 5"
Weight	140
Build	Medium
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Ruddy

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Criminal Records

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VOLNEY DAVIS

Descriptions

Age	30
Height	5' 8-3/4"
Weight	123
Build	Slender
Hair	Light Chestnut
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair

Criminal Records

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
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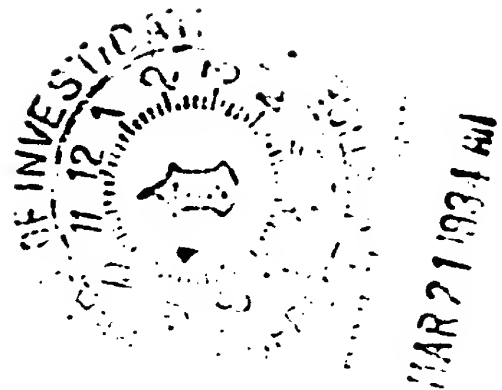
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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I called Mr. Rorer at St. Paul and gave him the information submitted by Mr. Brantley to the effect that [redacted] Burke, [redacted] had first received the confidential information concerning the latent fingerprints from [redacted] Gilfillan, of the Minneapolis Tribune. Mr. Rorer was instructed to keep this information strictly confidential, not discussing it with anyone either in or out of the Division; that it was a matter which he alone should handle personally and that [redacted] should be held in the strictest of confidence. [redacted] Rorer stated that other newspapers in St. Paul printed this story before the Minneapolis Tribune but that they had indicated they had obtained same from the Minneapolis Tribune. He stated that had the Minneapolis Tribune had the information in its possession for any extended period it seems it would have used same itself.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley  
S. P. Cowley.



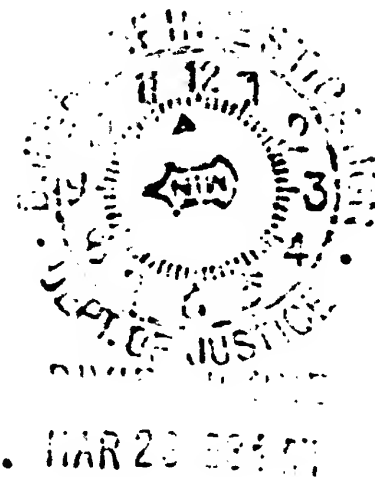
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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

During the review of the case of Vernon C. Miller, (deceased) et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, in this office, a letter dated July 5, 1933, from the St. Louis office to the Kansas City office furnishing certain information which may be of value in the investigation to locate Karpis and Arthur R. and Fred Barker was noted. It appears that J. R. Jeffries former Chief of Police at West Plains, Missouri, furnished information regarding a Mrs. Asher, who resides south of West Plains, and, who, during the period around December 1931, was visited by the wife of either Alvin Karpis or Fred Barker shortly after the murder of Sheriff C. R. Kelley of West Plains, in which crime Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis are accused.

A cover will be placed on the mail of Mrs. Asher, and all other investigation that can be conducted discreetly in this connection will be made.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. Quinn	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

While talking with Mr. Rorer today on another matter he advised me that he is in receipt of a three page telegram from the Salt Lake City Office, advising that an investigation by Special Agent A. R. Gere at Reno, Nevada disclosed that within the past three weeks Alvin Karpis has been residing in Reno; that it appeared likely that the other members of the gang had been there and in fact the entire Barker-Karpis gang may be in Reno at the present time. Mr. Rorer telephoned Acting Special Agent in Charge Wine at Salt Lake City. Mr. Wine stated that Mr. Gere, after making the investigation, had departed from Reno for Salt Lake City, and Mr. Rorer instructed Mr. Wine to immediately get in touch with Gere, if possible, and have him return to Reno. Rorer stated that obviously an additional Agent or additional Agents will be needed at Reno and I told him that we would issue instructions from here on that.

I endeavored then to reach Special Agent in Charge Vetterli at San Francisco and found that he was en route between San Francisco and Portland to interview applicants, whereupon I instructed Special Agent in Charge Dunn to instruct Special Agent Sackett to proceed immediately to Reno, where he would contact Agent Gere at the Golden Hotel. He was instructed to see that Agent Sackett had a machine gun. Mr. Dunn stated that Sackett would be there in five or six hours, which will probably be earlier than Agent Gere can be expected to arrive.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**



Investigation in Illinois in vicinity of Chicago continuing in effort to locate hideout in which Bremer was held. No results to date.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, March 19, 1934.

**DETAILS:**

Contained herein are the memoranda of each investigating Agent, reporting the results of efforts to locate the hideout house in which Bremer was held. No results to date.

**HIDEOUT**

Investigation relative to the hideout was conducted by Special Agent T. G. Melvin on March 19th and 20th, at the following towns:

Aurora, Illinois  
Montgomery, Illinois  
Mooseheart, Illinois  
North Aurora, Illinois

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AT AURORA, ILLINOIS:

Agent interviewed Postmaster Frank R. Dalton who stated that the only stationary sirens heard in Aurora are those operated by the Western United Gas and Electric Co. and the C. B. & Q. RR; that these are only sounded for fires, although the C. B. & Q. RR. siren is heard once a week, but that he is uncertain as to the time; that there are 8 or 10 factory whistles which are heard three times a day; however, the American Well Works and the Western Wheeled Scraper Co. have a whistle or a siren that they blow each day; that there are four Lutheran Churches that ring their bells each Saturday afternoon; that there are two Catholic Churches that ring the Angelus each morning and night, and that the Lutheran Churches, Catholic Churches and several other churches have bells that ring on Sunday morning.

Interview was had by Agent with J. R. Hannon, Works Manager of the American Well Works who stated that his company has a whistle but no siren; that they blow the whistle at 12 noon and 12.30 P.M. daily except Sunday.

Agent interviewed J. W. Cyr, Superintendent of the C.B. & Q. Railroad shops, who stated that the C. B. & Q. Railroad has a siren which they blow each Saturday at 11 A.M. and for fires; that they also have two whistles which they blow at 6.30 A.M. 7 A.M. 12 noon, 12.55 P.M. 1 P.M. and 4 P.M. for their two departments in Aurora.

Agent also interviewed Fire Chief L. E. Granley of the Aurora Fire Department who stated that Aurora has no stationary fire siren; that they have sirens on their trucks.

Interview was had by Agent with H. D. Hamper, Superintendent of the Western Wheeled Scraper Company who advised that the company has no siren, but that they have a whistle which blows at 8 A.M. 12 noon, 1 P.M. and 4 P.M. daily.

AT MONTGOMERY, ILL.

Agent interviewed William Beher, proprietor of the general store who stated that the only sirens heard in Montgomery are those in Aurora above referred to; that they also hear whistles from Aurora and Moosheart, Illinois.

AT MOOSEHEART, ILL.

Interview was had by Agent with F. J. Peterson, Assistant Postmaster, who stated that the only whistle heard in Mooseheart is the one which calls the children to meals, classes and designates "lights out"; that the only siren they hear is from Batavia, which does not blow in the morning. A report on Batavia has been submitted heretofore.

AT NORTH AURORA, ILL.

Agent interviewed Mary Smith, Postmistress, who advised that sirens are heard in North Aurora when the wind is blowing from the south, which enables them to hear the Aurora sirens above indicated; that North Aurora also has a fire siren which is heard only on Saturday at 12 noon; that the only whistle heard is located at Mooseheart, Illinois, and that there is only one church with a bell in North Aurora, which bell rings on Sunday morning.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R. D. Brown at the following points on March 19th and 20th, in an effort to locate the hideout.

Channahon, Illinois  
Minooka, Illinois  
Morris, Illinois  
Mazon, Illinois  
Coal City, Illinois  
Braidwood, Illinois  
Essex, Illinois  
Wilmington, Illinois  
Manhattan, Illinois

AT CHANNAHON, ILLINOIS

This point is located seven miles southwest of Joliet, Ill. on a branch line of the A. T. and S. F. Railroad. It has a population of 200. As a result of interviews with Postmaster and other citizens of this town, Agent learned that none of the homes have running water; that no siren is located there or within hearing distance; that the railroad passing through and near this town has very little traffic. Due to this information Agent made no further inquiries.



AT MINOOKA, ILLINOIS

This town is located approximately fifteen miles southwest of Joliet, Illinois, on C.R.I. & P. Railway, and the E. J. & T. Railway, and has a population of 350.

Postmistress Mrs. Madeline Brammick was interviewed and advised that no siren is ever heard in this little town; that no factories are located here and that factory whistles cannot be heard any time from any other point; that but few of the homes in this town are equipped with running water. The houses so equipped were examined by Agent as to outward appearance and none were located which in any way resemble the description of the hideout. Due to the above no further investigation was undertaken.

AT MORRIS, ILLINOIS:

This town has a population of 5000, and is located on a main line of the C.R.I. and P. Railroad, having frequent passenger and freight trains and is a point used for switching. It is directly on the airline of the American Airways route.

Agent interviewed Leo Ahern, Fire Chief, who advised that a siren is located on the local water tower which is sounded daily except Sundays at 12.00 noon; that it has a very shrill tone and can be heard for a distance of approximately six miles under ideal weather conditions. It is located on the Illinois river where some fishing is being done at this season of the year.

Mr. Ahern produced his record of fires which showed that the local siren blew at 3.30 P.M. on January 28, 1934, and at no other time on that day; that it sounded one blast only. He advised that there are four churches having bells, one a Catholic church and the other three Protestant; that none of them ring bells on Saturdays. This was further checked by telephone conversations with the various Pastors of the churches.

Mr. Ahern stated that a factory, located three quarters of a mile from the downtown area has a shrill whistle which blows at 7.00 A.M., 12.00 noon and 5.30 P.M.

Claude Francis, local water-meter reader, was interviewed and advised of two houses so equipped and situated which might answer the description of the hideout. These houses were examined by Agent with the

assistance of Mr. Francis, but were found not to have the proper arrangement and were unpapered inside; neither were they constructed in the manner described by Mr. Bramer. An exhaustive search was made by Agent and Mr. Francis but no houses could be located which fit the description of the hideout.

AT MAZON, ILLINOIS:

This town is located 63 miles southwest of Chicago and is on the C. C. C. & St. L. Railroad. It has a population of but 300. As a result of inquiries of the Postmaster and other residents, Agent learned that this town has no siren; that no factory whistles can be heard; that only a few trains pass through the town and that only about twenty houses are equipped with running water. Due to the total lack of the necessary sounds, no further investigation was made.

AT COAL CITY, ILLINOIS:

This town is a mining town and is located 22 miles southwest of Joliet, Illinois. It has a population of 1600 and is located on the C. & A. and E. J. & E. Railroads, neither having very active traffic other than coal trains.

Mayor Pierard was interviewed and stated that Coal City has a siren on the local water tower but only is sounded at 7.30 P.M. twice each month to call firemen to meeting; that there was no fire on January 28, 1934, and therefore the siren did not sound; that a siren located at Wilmington, Illinois six miles away can some times be heard but very faintly. He stated that there are two Protestant and one Catholic Churches which have bells, but none ring on Saturday afternoons or evening. He stated the homes in Coal City do not contain water meters, a flat yearly rental for water being charged. Mr. Pierard states he is personally acquainted with all of the residents of Coal City and knows the equipment and arrangement of all the homes. He accompanied Agent on a tour of the various houses which offered any possibilities but none could be located which in any way answered the description of the hideout.

AT BRAIDWOOD, ILLINOIS:

This point is located six miles from Coal City and has a population of 1100. As a result of inquiries Agent learned that a siren is located at the local fire house which sounds only in case of fire and does not have a "testing day" each week; that no fire was reported on January

28, 1934, and the siren did not sound on that day; that no factory whistle or other siren can be heard in this town except under ideal weather conditions when the siren at Wilmington may be faintly heard. A branch line of the C. & A. Railroad passes through this town but handles mostly freight and has not been very active this year. No switching can be heard at this point. Agent was advised at the Post Office that only seven houses are equipped with running water. Because of the above information no further investigation was made.

AT ESSEX, ILLINOIS

This town has a population of 200 and is located on the Tabash and C. C. & St. L. Railroads. As a result of inquiries, Agent learned that no siren is located in the town and none can be heard from neighboring places; that there are no factories and no factory whistles can be heard from other towns; that none of the homes are equipped with running water.

WILMINGTON, ILLINOIS:

This town is located 17 miles south of Joliet, Illinois and has a population of 1700. The C. & A. Railroad passes through this town and has four passenger trains per day passing and considerable freight activity.

As a result of interviews with Mary I. Quinn, Postmistress, and J. C. Thompson, Mayor, Agent learned a loud siren located at the plant of Northern Illinois Corporation, two miles west of town, sounds daily except Sundays at 7 A.M., 11 A.M. 3.30 P.M.; that the steam whistle located at the plant of Orenda Corporation blows daily, except Sunday, at 7 A.M. and 4 P.M. Agent was informed there are two Protestant and one Catholic Churches located in Wilmington with bells but that no bells are rung on Saturday afternoons or evenings.

Mayor Thompson stated he was formerly connected with the local water department and accompanied Agent on a tour of the town at which time all houses were inspected from the outside. Only one house was located which was so constructed as to fit the possible description given of the hideout. Under suitable pretext this house was entered, but was found not to be papered on the inside and not equipped and arranged similarly to the victim's place of incarceration. The people who reside therein by the name of McCune are said to be thoroughly reliable. Only residences in the downtown area were found to be equipped with running water.

BANISTER, ILLINOIS.

This town is located 15 miles southeast of Joliet, Illinois and has a population of 600, being located on a main line of the C.M.St.P. and P. Railroad.

As a result of inquiries at this point Agent learned no siren is located in this town and that no factories with whistles are located here, and none can be heard from other points. Due to this situation no further investigation was undertaken.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent V. W. Peterson on March 20, 1934, for the purpose of attempting to locate the hideout:

Buffalo Grove, Illinois  
Gilmer, Illinois  
Grays Lake, Illinois  
Ivanhoe, Illinois  
Round Lake, Illinois.

BUFFALO GROVE, ILLINOIS:

Buffalo Grove, Illinois is a small village of about 75 people. There is no Post Office in the town. The only places of business are a garage and a small general store. Casual inquiry was made of an employee in a store under suitable pretext. He advised that the only church in the locality is St. Mary's Catholic Church. The bells of this church ring morning and noon each day of the week. There is no siren in the village and the sirens of other towns are not audible. There are no factories in the locality nor can any factory whistles be heard. The writer drove through the streets of the village and observed the houses located therein, but failed to notice any house answering the description given by Bremer.

GILMER, ILLINOIS:

Investigation at Gilmer, Illinois discloses that this village has a population of approximately 15 or 20 people. There is no post office in the village. The business places consist of a small general store and a blacksmith shop. The Bowman's Dairy plant located in this village has not been in operation for some time. The Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway



passes through the village but very little switching is done. There is no siren in the town and casual inquiry of the storekeeper revealed that it is impossible to hear either a siren or a factory whistle in Gilmer, Ill. There are no churches in the vicinity. About three houses are situated in the village. Said houses are typical farm houses.

GRAYS LAKE, ILLINOIS:

L. E. Richardson, Postmaster, Grays Lake, Illinois, upon interview advised that Grays Lake has a population of 1120 people; that there is no siren in the town; that the Grays Lake Gelatin Company factory has a whistle; that said whistle is sounded each day at eight o'clock A.M.; twelve noon; one P.M. and five P.M. with the exception of Sunday; that in the event of fire the factory whistle referred to is sounded louder than ordinarily; that when it is sounded for a fire it resembles a fire siren; that factory whistles and sirens of other places are not audible in Grays Lake; that the Soo Line Railway and the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railway pass through the town; that there are about twelve passenger trains each day over the St. Paul Railway; that there is some switching; that it is very seldom that an airplane passes over Grays Lake; that the town has four churches; that the Congregational and Episcopal Churches are the only churches that are equipped with bells; that the bells of these churches are rung on Sundays only; that each Sunday the bells of the churches named above ring at 9 A.M., ten A.M. and seven P.M.; that no church bells are rung on Saturdays; that the homes in Grays Lake are one family homes and that he is of the belief that there are no basements of homes in Grays Lake that are furnished in such a manner that they are habitable.

Mr. Richardson advised that Highland Lake, which appears on the map, is not a town and that only a few people reside in the vicinity of the place once known as Highland Lake in the summer time.

William Lenzen, Trustee of the Village Board, Grays Lake, Illinois was interviewed. He stated that he personally reads all water meters in the town of Grays Lake. According to Mr. Lenzen there are no basements in Grays Lake that are suitable for living quarters. The information which he provided with reference to the sounds which may be heard in Grays Lake is identical to that furnished by Postmaster L. E. Richardson.



Ray Grosbenor, Mundelein, Illinois was interviewed in view of the fact that he reads meters in Grays Lake for the Northshore Gas Company. The interview occurred in the office of that company at Libertyville, Ill. in the presence of H. W. Dunn, Manager. Mr. Grosbenor stated that there are no basements in Grays Lake, answering the description which was provided him by the writer.

#### IVANHOE, ILLINOIS

Investigation was conducted by the writer in Ivanhoe, Ill. and casual inquiry was made concerning the data pertinent to the instant matter. Ivanhoe, Illinois has a population of approximately fifty people. There is a dance pavillion, a school, and the St. Mary's Church. No railway passes through Ivanhoe, Illinois and the nearest railway is in Mundelein, a distance of two miles. There is no siren in Ivanhoe and no factories are situated in the vicinity. Only a few houses are located in the village and it is a typical country village.

#### ROUND LAKE, ILLINOIS

William Wilmington, Mayor, Round Lake, Illinois was interviewed, inasmuch as the postmaster and water meter reader were out of town. Round Lake is a town of about five hundred population. There are no factories in the vicinity. When the weather is favorable it is possible to hear the factory whistle of the gelatin factory located at Grays Lake, Ill. This whistle sounds four times each day. No other factory whistles are audible. Round Lake has a fire siren. It sounds each day, except Sunday, at twelve noon and in case of fire. It sounds at no other time. Two churches are located in Round Lake. Only one church is equipped with a bell, however. The bell on this church is rung each week day at eight A.M. and twelve noon. It also rings for mass on Sundays. No church bell is rung on Saturday night. The Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railway passes through Round Lake. There are about four passenger trains each day and two local freight trains. Occasional switching takes place in Round Lake. Airplanes fly overhead only on rare occasions. Mr. Wilmington was not aware of any homes located in Round Lake which have a basement that would be suitable for living purposes. He furnished information concerning some alleged gangsters who lived in a place about five miles from Round Lake during the fall months of 1933. The writer proceeded to the place referred to by Mr. Wilmington. It was disclosed that only a shack is located there and same is used for a shelter while individuals are engaged in hunting. The tenant on the farm stated that the shack has not been used since last fall. At the farm house in question it was noticed that there are two dogs, a

large dog and a smaller one. The basement possessed an outward appearance similar to that described by Bremer. A discussion was entered into with the farm wife and she assented to the writer looking through the basement window. She was led to believe that it was desired to rent a basement for a short period of time for the purpose of living in same. The basement of this house is unfurnished and does not correspond in any manner with the description provided by Edward G. Bremer.

H. Steffes, Contractor, and builder, Round Lake, Illinois was interviewed in the absence of the water meter reader. He advised that he has been in the larger number of basements in Round Lake. Within his knowledge only one basement is furnished in a manner that it could be used to live in. The writer passed this house in an automobile but its outward appearance would not indicate that it could be the hideout. Mayor Wilmington advised that this house is owned and occupied by an elderly man who is engaged in repairing watches. He has resided in this house for many years and bears an excellent reputation.

U. C. Hendee, a member of the Volunteer Fire Department, Round Lake, Illinois was interviewed after it was ascertained that he maintains the records of this fire department. He stated that the only occasions that the siren of Round Lake was sounded for fire during January or February 1934 were on January 17, 1934, and February 17, 1934. The fire siren was not sounded on January 28, 1934.

Ray Grosbenor, Mundelein, Illinois was interviewed in the office of the Northshore Gas Company, Libertyville, Illinois. He advised that he reads the gas meters in Round Lake, Illinois, and that there are no basements located in Round Lake, Illinois which compare with the description of the hideout.

Inquiry was made at the following places by Special Agent John E. Brennan on March 20, 1934:

Westmont, Illinois  
Clarendon Hills, Illinois  
Downers Grove (and Belmont), Ill.  
Lisle, Ill.

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WESTMONT, ILLINOIS:

This is a small residential section about 20 miles southwest of Chicago on the Chicago Burlington and Quincy Railroad. James S. Furlong, Chief of the fire department related that he had received a communication from the St. Paul office of the Division and had informed that office that the description given of the town sought would not apply to Westmont. He stated that there is one stationary siren in the village but that it is blown in case of fire only, no time or test schedule being maintained, and that the only other siren that can be heard is sounded at Clarendon, Ill. immediately adjoining, at 6 P.M.

CLARENDON HILLS, ILL:

This town is situated at the east side of Westmont, and has a population of about 300, on the C. B. and Q. Railroad. Inquiry of members of the volunteer fire department verified the statement made by the Chief at Westmont that the siren at Clarendon Hills is sounded at 6 P.M. each day for test and time signal. No siren is heard in the morning.

DOWNERS GROVE, ILL:

Interviewed Harry B. Riggsbee, Postmaster, Grant Bickey, Chief of the Fire Department, and R. V. Boltz, Assistant Manager of Sears-Roebuck, all of whom related that no schedule for blowing a siren is maintained here and neither siren nor whistle is heard sounding in the morning from this or any other community.

BELMONT, ILL. Immediately adjoining Downers Grove; has no fire department, industrial plant, or siren. The Downers Grove Fire Department renders service to this community.

LISLE, ILL:

Postmaster M. J. Riedy, and the Chief of the Volunteer Fire Department, related that the only siren in Lisle, operated by the fire department, is sounded in case of fire only, no regular test schedule being maintained; that no siren is heard in the morning from any other community.

On March 19, 1934, Special Agent H. H. Reinecke made investigation at the following towns with reference to the hideout described by the victim:

Barrington, Illinois  
Lake Zurich, Illinois  
Ela, Illinois  
Long Grove, Illinois  
Wauconda, Illinois  
Cary, Illinois  
Fox River Grove, Illinois

BARRINGTON, ILLINOIS:

The Postmaster and Paul Purcell, the water meter reader, both advised that the local fire department has a stationary siren which is tested only Saturday noons, and is sounded at no other time except for fires. They also say there are no other sirens in Barrington or vicinity, and also no steam whistles of any sort whatsoever.

There are several churches with bells, one of which is a German Lutheran which rings its bell each Saturday evening. There are numerous trains, commuting and otherwise, and also main vehicular highways.

Mr. Purcell was given a detailed oral description of the hideout, and after studying over it stated that there was only one place in Barrington which would come near fitting it. This is the residence of a Mr. Wilkinson, a trucker, 129 George Street. According to Mr. Purcell, this house has living quarters in the basement, but he was of the opinion that this place, in view of the presumed respectability of the occupants, would not figure in a crime of any sort. Nevertheless, Agent made an outside examination of the premises and feels that they do not in any sense meet the requirements of victim's description.

Inquiry at the store of the Northern Illinois Public Service Company brought out the fact that all meter readers for Barrington and vicinity are out of the district office at Crystal Lake, Illinois, which will subsequently be covered by this Agent.



LAKE ZURICH, ILLINOIS:

The Postmaster and Mr. John Gehrke, the village marshal and water meter reader, advised that they have no fire department using a bell which is rung for fires only. There are no whistles of any type in the village or entire surrounding country. There is but one church bell and this rings at 6 P.M. on Saturdays, and for Sunday morning services. The village has only a branch line railroad over which nothing but a few freights pass.

Mr. Gehrke was given an oral description of the hideout and he said there was nothing in Lake Zurich like it.

ELA, ILLINOIS:

This is shown on Agent's map as a very small village and not on or near any railroad. Inquiry at Lake Zurich verified this and developed the fact that it is only a crossroads with one building, a store, and the nearest railroad is four miles distant. As a result no investigation was made at the place.

LONG GROVE, ILLINOIS:

Inquiry at Lake Zurich indicated that this is a village of about 25 buildings with no city water supply, no whistles, and the nearest railroad five miles distant, and this is the "Soo" line and runs only one or two trains a day. They have a siren which is used as a fire alarm, and is tested each noon, weekdays. In view of the above it was not deemed necessary to proceed to Long Grove for a personal investigation.

WAUCONDA, ILLINOIS: Agent's map shows this village to be on no railroad line whatsoever, with the nearest line 8 miles away at Cary, Illinois. This was verified by inquiry of the village marshal at Lake Zurich, who also said Wauconda has a fire department siren, which is tested only on Saturday noons, and no whistle of any type. In the absence of any trains in or near Wauconda investigation there seemed unwarranted.

CARY, ILLINOIS: This town has previously been covered as to noises and possible hideouts, but this Agent called on Fred Crenz, the village Marshal, and water meter reader, who said he has been in every building in town, and that none seemed to fit the description of the hideout.



FOX RIVER GROVE, ILLINOIS:

With the exception of giving the water meter reader a description of the hideout, all matters in this village had been previously covered. Agent gave this description to Mr. Bowman, the village marshal, and water meter reader, and he said there was no such place in his village.

P E N D I N G

P.O.Box 515, St.Paul, Minn.

March 20, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

I have received a letter from Mr. Arthur Mahler,  
County Constable, at Matteson, Illinois, in response to one of the  
circular letters sent out by me and the information supplied by  
Mr. Mahler leads me to believe that inquiry relative to this matter  
should be made at Matteson, Illinois.

Therefore, please have one of the Agents working  
on this matter call upon Mr. Matteson.

Very truly yours,

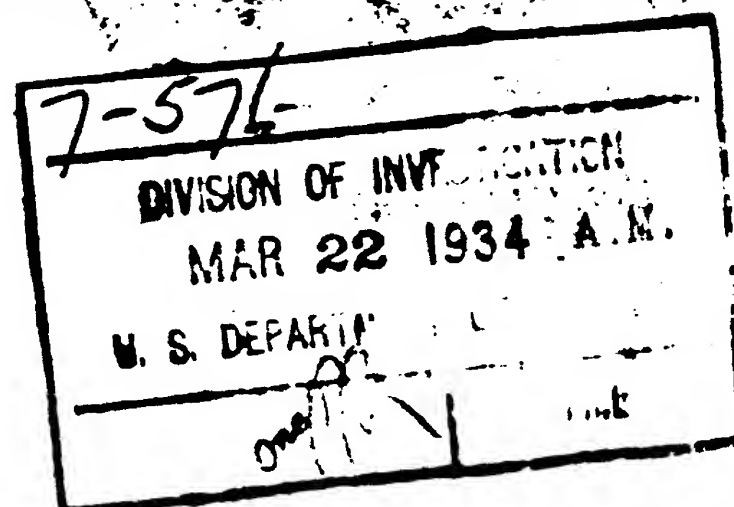
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W.A. RORER, INSPECTOR.

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P.S. The letter from Mr. Mahler is attached hereto.

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Suite L, Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri,

March 10, 1934.



Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
801 Title Guaranty Building,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Please find attached hereto a copy of a letter received from Inspector W. A. Rorer, dated St. Paul, Minn., March 6, 1934, calling for investigation at Kirksville and Moberly, Missouri, both of which are within the territorial jurisdiction of your office. Please conduct the investigation requested.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR,  
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

FILE NO. 7-22 BM

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT DIVISION

REPORT MADE AT: Birmingham, Ala.	DATE WHEN MADE: 3-23-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3-20-34	REPORT MADE BY: M. J. Sherry.
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: The two pair goggles with Essentialite lens of same type mentioned in reference report received by Jackson Lumber Co. Lockhart, Ala. 11-22-32 and one pair same type received 2-12-34 from Chicago Eye Shield Co., Chicago, Ill. for use Oscar Mosley, Master Mechanic, Jackson Lumber Co., at Lockhart, Ala. in welding operations on repair machinery. Mosley now has possession of two pair said goggles and part of third pair that have been broken. Mosley not absent from Lockhart, Ala. since August, 1933.</p> <p>P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Sp. Agt. T.E. Billings, Chicago, Ill., 3-13-34.</p> <p>DETAILS: At Lockhart, Ala.</p> <p>Agent interviewed Mr. E. C. Gates, Manager of the Jackson Lumber Company at Lockhart, Alabama, where he resides. He exhibited to Agent record of purchase of the goggles mentioned in reference report, which is as follows:</p> <p>On November 4, 1932, on order #175 the Jackson Lumber Company of Lockhart, Ala. ordered through its purchasing agents "The Tri State Mill Supply Co. of Fordyce, Ark. 2 #524 M&amp;L Industrial Goggles fitted with Essentialite Lens (Dept. account #537).</p> <p>The order for these goggles was placed by the Tri State Mill Supply Co. with the Chicago Eye Shield Company, Chicago, Ill. on its order #13604 and these goggles were shipped direct by Chicago Eye Shield Company to the Jackson Lumber Company at Lockhart, Alabama, being received November 22, 1932 and billed through the Tri State Mill Supply Company.</p>			
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These records also show one pair Industrial goggles, catalog number 525 M&L #6 shade Essentialite lens ordered through the Tri State Mill Supply Co. of Fordyce, Ark. by the Jackson Lumber Co., Lockhart, Ala. Feb. 12, 1934, and received direct from Chicago Eye Shield Co.

Mr. Gates stated these three pair said goggles, only kind of their type purchased since 1931, were purchased for Mr. Oscar Mosley, the master mechanic of the Jackson Lumber Co. at Lockhart, Ala., to whom they were turned over. He stated Oscar Mosley has resided at Lockhart, Ala. for the past twenty-one years, being an old employee, and that Mosley has not been absent from Lockhart, Ala. since August 1933, his only absence from work being a trip with his wife to Birmingham, Ala. in August 1933, at which time his wife was ill, and went there for medical treatment.

Agent, accompanied by Mr. Gates, interviewed Mr. Oscar Mosley, Master Mechanic of the Lockhart Lumber Company at Lockhart, Alabama. He stated that the above described goggles are the only ones of their type he has, and that these goggles are used by him exclusively in welding operations on repair of machinery and equipment for his company. He exhibited the one pair of goggles, which were received February 12, 1934, as listed above, still in the original box of the shipper, the Chicago Eye Shield Co. and stated this pair of goggles has never been used and has never been out of his possession. He also exhibited to Agent one pair of the Goggles which were received on November 22, 1932 as listed above, which he was using at time of interview. He exhibited one-half of the shield and one lens of the other pair of goggles listed above, which were received November 22, 1932, explaining that these goggles had been broken in the course of his work and he threw the other half of the shield and lens away.

Agent noted that these goggles are identical with the sample received from the Chicago Office for use in instant investigation, and as described in reference report, and noted the shields of same had no holes bored in them. The lenses in the goggles received November 22, 1932 are #4 and 5 shade, and the lenses in goggles received February 12, 1934 are #6 shade (amber).

Agent interviewed Mrs. Ruth Bullard, Postmistress of Lockhart, Ala., a small community, without disclosing to her the purpose of instant investigation. She stated Oscar Mosley, father of six minor children, and his wife, have resided at Lockhart for over twenty years past and she sees him every day, and he has not been absent from Lockhart, Ala. during the past six months.

The sample pair of goggles received from the Chicago Office for use in instant investigation is being returned to the Chicago Office, as requested in reference report, with copies of this report.

P E N D I N G

JEM:HCB

March 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Colonel Gates telephoned and read to me the following paragraph which he proposed giving out at the press conference this afternoon:

"Karpis and Barker have been definitely identified by the United States Division of Investigation, Department of Justice, as two of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota."

I told the Colonel that I approved this statement, but suggested that he discuss the matter with the Attorney General.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

**ST. PAUL**

FILE NO.

**7-37**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>KANSAS CITY, MO.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3-24-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3-22-23-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>J. R. GREEN</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>B</b></span>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al 87009</b> <b>EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Investigations at the former Savoy Hotel, Lincoln, Nebraska, disclosed no one registering at that hotel on or prior to 3-6-34 under the name of Harry Campbell or known Subjects. Manager Sam Lawrence could not recognize photographs of Subjects as anyone known to him. Night Clerk Harry Baldrige informed photograph of Harry Campbell looked somewhat familiar but could not identify same as having been a guest at said hotel.


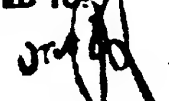
**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent E. J. Boyd, Dallas, 3-7-34, and letter from the Dallas office, 3-15-34.

**DETAILS:**

Sam Lawrence, Manager of the Sam Lawrence Hotel, formerly known as the Savoy Hotel, Lincoln, Nebraska, advised their hotel was still using stationery of the latter named hotel which discloses it is located at 11th and P Streets, opposite the Commercial Club. After looking at photographs of Davis, Fred and Arthur Barker, Karpis and Harry Campbell, he was unable to recognize any of them as resembling any one known to him or having been a guest at his hotel, neither did he know anyone by the name of Harry Campbell as having been a guest at his hotel.

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Agent had previously exhibited the aforesaid photographs to Harry Baldrige, who has been night clerk at this hotel for many years. He informed only the photograph of Harry Campbell looked anyways familiar to him but could not identify it as that of anyone having been a guest at this hotel nor did he know anyone by that name as having been a guest there.

An examination of registration cards for several months prior to 5-7-34 (S-7-34) at this hotel failed to disclose any registrations under the aforesaid names at said hotel. However, an examination of aforesaid registration cards, as far as Agent was permitted to make, disclosed a registration of one Marie Hall, Tulsa, Oklahoma, being registration #6245, on 2-15-34, and checking out the following day, being assigned to room 309. A comparison of the handwriting on the tracing was very similar, particularly in capital letters and i. It is noted that Lissa Campbell, mother of Subject Campbell, and other relatives reside at Tulsa, Oklahoma. No other registration of this party was disclosed, neither could hotel clerk Baldrige furnish any information concerning her.

W. C. Condit of the Police Department, Lincoln, Nebraska, advised that he could not furnish any information concerning these known Subjects, nor had he had any information that any of them had been in Lincoln.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE is requested to ascertain if they can locate Marie Hall at Tulsa, Oklahoma, who is associated with the parents and relatives of Subject Harry Campbell and make such further investigation as seems desirable.

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## UNITED STATES

## INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT St. Paul

U. S. A. FILE NO. 7-62

REPORT MADE AT: San Antonio, Tex.	DATE WHEN MADE March 22 '34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/20/34	REPORT MADE BY E. H. Parker
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases; ARTHUR BARKER with aliases UNKNOWN SUBJECTS - EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE Kidnaping 87015
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  Postal authorities, Harlingen, Texas, state that C. M. Hubbard does not call for or receive any mail and that they have no record of forwarding address. P.  References: Letter of Acting SAC M. C. Spear, Kansas City, Mo., dated 2/20/34.  DETAILS:  Agent interviewed Mr. J. F. Rodgers, Postmaster, Harlingen, Texas, who advised after an interview with General Delivery Clerks and a search of his records that C. M. Hubbard does not call for or receive any mail and that they have no record of forwarding address.  E. W. Anglin, Chief of Police, Harlingen, Texas, advised that C. M. Hubbard was unknown to him.  Pending.			
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINN.**

FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Chicago, Ill.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/23/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/22/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>K. R. McINTIRE LM</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Investigation continuing in the vicinity of Chicago, Illinois, in the hope of locating the hideout house in which Bremer was held.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, dated 3/19/34.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> The following investigation in an effort to locate the hideout house in which Bremer was held is being furnished in this report in the form of memoranda submitted by the various investigating agents.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>HIDEOUT</b></u></p> <p>Investigation relative to the hideout was conducted by Special Agent T. G. Melvin on March 22, 1934, at the following towns:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bald Mound, Illinois Big Rock, Illinois Kaneville, Illinois Sugar Grove, Illinois</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>AT BALD MOUND, ILLINOIS:</b></u></p> <p>This is a small hamlet with no post office, located about 40 miles west of Chicago and is not on a railroad. Agent interviewed W. C. Masterson, proprietor of a general store, who advised that the</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p>			
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only stationary siren heard in Bald Mound is the fire siren located in Batavia, Illinois, which blows only for fires; that the wind must be blowing from the east to enable them to hear this siren; that a factory whistle in Batavia can also be heard when the wind is blowing from the right direction; that the whistle at Mooseheart, Illinois, can also be heard several times a day. Bald Mound is not on a paved highway and according to Mr. Masterson no church bells are heard there.

AT BIG ROCK, ILLINOIS:

The above town is 45 miles west of Chicago in Kane County and is located in a farming community. Agent interviewed D. J. Morris, postmaster, who stated that no stationary sirens, factory whistles or church bells are heard there; that the town is located on the main line of the C.B. & Q.R.R. and that two local trains, two through trains, as well as numerous freights, pass through the town each day. Big Rock is on paved highway Ill. 71.

AT KANEVILLE, ILLINOIS:

This town has a population of 218 and is located in Kane county 46 miles west of Chicago in a farming section. Postmaster Jacob M. Frank was interviewed and stated that a stationary siren cannot be heard in Kaneville; that a factory whistle 8 miles away in Maple Park can be heard when the wind blows from the north; that only one church bell can be heard in Kaneville at 9:30 or 10 A.M. on Sunday morning only; that the nearest railroad is 6 1/2 miles north on the C. & N.W.

AT SUGAR GROVE, ILLINOIS:

The above town is 46 miles west of Chicago in Kane county and has a population of 121. It is on the main line of the C.B. & Q.R.R. and the same trains run through Sugar Grove that run through Big Rock above referred to. This town is in a farming section. Agent interviewed W. R. Keck, postmaster, who stated that no stationary sirens or factory whistles can be heard there and that only one church bell can be heard which rings at 9:30 A.M. on Sunday. Sugar Grove is on Highway Ill. 47.

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Reference is made to the letter of Inspector W. A. Rorer to the Chicago Division Office, dated March 20, 1934, which enclosed a letter received from Arthur Mahler, County Constable, Matteson, Illinois, stating that he knew of an unattended farm near Matteson, which might be the place sought.

On March 22, 1934, Special Agent W. C. Ryan interviewed Arthur Mahler at Matteson relative to the place suspected by him. Mr. Mahler advised that in addition to his duties as constable, he is also a member of the local fire department; that he had seen the letters from the St. Paul Division Office, inquiring relative to a fire on January 28th and the following day noted an article in the Chicago Tribune relative to church chimes having been heard near the place where Bremer was held. He stated that there are four churches in the vicinity of Matteson, which ring almost at the same time and might give the impression of chimes, and it occurred to him that an unoccupied house about 3/4 miles west of Matteson, which was formerly occupied by bootleggers, might possibly have been the hideout. He advised that the house was at present unoccupied, whereupon Agent accompanied Mr. Mahler to the house in question. The house was determined to be situated 3/4 miles directly west of Matteson; it is 1/4 mile off of State Route #50 and is approached by a dirt road. The Michigan Central Railroad is 1/4 mile north and the E.J. & E. R.R. is 1/4 mile south, both of which are exclusively freight lines in this locality. The Illinois Central Railroad is 3/4 miles east at Matteson, but no steam passenger trains stop here, the town being served by electric trains.

Upon approaching the house, Mr. Edward Watson, the holder of the lease on the property, was found working on the premises. Mr. Watson advised that the house has not been occupied for over a year. He allowed Agent to inspect the house and it was determined that there are no electric or water facilities in the house. The basement is entered by means of a trap door from the outside and consists of two compartments separated by a brick wall. The floor in one compartment is of uneven brick and the other contains a dirt floor. It was apparent that a person could not live in the basement of this house. Nothing was noted about the house which in any way answers the description of the hideout.

Previous investigation by this Agent at Matteson had disclosed that the siren here blows only on Tuesday nights and for fires; that there are no factories or whistles in the vicinity. Mr. Mahler advised that he has been County Constable for eighteen years and is thoroughly familiar with all houses in the vicinity.

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He stated that he knows of no house which would answer the description of the hideout. He also stated the he knows of no strange persons having resided recently in the community, nor has he heard of any. The photographs of suspects in this case were exhibited to him and he could not recall having seen anyone resembling any of them.

March 22, 1934

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent V. W. Peterson for the purpose of attempting to locate the hideout:

Bannockburn, Illinois  
Fort Sheridan, Illinois  
Great Lakes, Illinois  
Highwood, Illinois  
Lake Bluff, Illinois  
Lake Forest, Illinois  
Northbrook, Illinois  
Rondout, Illinois  
Techy, Illinois

AT BANNOCKBURN, ILLINOIS:

Investigation was conducted in the vicinity of Bannockburn, Illinois. Casual inquiry was made of a filling station attendant, inasmuch as there are no places of business in the village. No post office or church is located in Bannockburn. The homes are largely estates of considerable size. Approximately fifty people reside within the boundaries of Bannockburn, which has been recently incorporated. There are about fifteen homes situated in the village. The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway passes near the edge of the village, but there is no station in Bannockburn. No siren is located in Bannockburn, but it is possible to hear the fire siren of Deerfield, Illinois, on rare occasions when the wind is in the proper direction. The fire siren of Deerfield sounds only in case of fire. There are no factories in the locality and it is impossible to hear any whistles resembling a factory whistle.



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AT FORT SHERIDAN, ILLINOIS:

Fort Sheridan, Illinois, is inhabited entirely by members of the U. S. Army. There are no civilians residing in Fort Sheridan. The only homes are those of U. S. Army officers which are located on the Government reservation. This information was corroborated by F. E. Peterson, Superintendent, Highwood, Illinois Water Department. Highwood is located within a very short distance of Fort Sheridan.

Mrs. Mary Sweeney, clerk, Fort Sheridan, Illinois, post office, was interviewed. She advised that no siren is located in Fort Sheridan; that there are no factories within a radius of many miles; that no whistles are audible in Fort Sheridan; that no church is located near Fort Sheridan and that church bells are not heard. There are no places of business in Fort Sheridan.

AT GREAT LAKES, ILLINOIS:

A. McClasky, Superintendent, Great Lakes, Illinois Postal Station, advised that the siren of the Great Lakes Naval Training Station is sounded only in case of fire. No civilians reside in Great Lakes. There are no churches in Great Lakes and the bells of surrounding towns are not heard. There are no factories located in Great Lakes, but it is possible to hear the factory whistles of several factories located in North Chicago, a neighboring town. The Chicago & Northwestern steam railway and the North Shore electric line passes near Great Lakes.

E. Wright, who is in charge of the Western Union Office, Great Lakes, Illinois, advised that there are several factories that have whistles in North Chicago. One factory whistle can be heard at the following times each day with the exception of Sunday; 7:30 A.M., 7:55 A.M., Noon, 12:25 P.M., 12:30 P.M., and 5 P.M.

AT HIGHWOOD, ILLINOIS:

Mary B. East, Postmistress, Highwood, Illinois, was interviewed. Highwood is a town of 3700 inhabitants. The population consists of a considerable number of foreigners including many Italians. Mary B. East stated that there is a volunteer fire department in Highwood, and that a siren is sounded only in case of fire. There are no factories in the locality and it is impossible to hear anything which resembles a factory whistle. The siren is located on a building of the Chicago, Milwaukee & North Shore Railway offices



which are situated in the northern extremity of Highwood. There are three churches in Highwood. The Swedish Lutheran Church has a bell which rings very faintly and it is impossible to hear same over one block away. This bell is rung on Sundays only and is never rung on Saturdays. The Catholic Church also has a bell which is rung at 9:45 A.M. and 11 A.M. each Sunday. The Chicago & Northwestern Steam Railway and the Chicago, Milwaukee & North Shore Electric Railway pass through Highwood. There is very little switching done near Highwood. Occasional airplanes flying from the Pal-Waukee or the Curtis Airport fly over Highwood. Approximately three planes per week pass over the town. Mary B. East further advised that in connection with certain Legion work she has visited practically all homes in Highwood, and the homes located in the northern part of Highland Park. She stated that within her knowledge there are no basements in Highwood which are used for living quarters.

George Duchane, Meter Reader, North Shore Gas Company, Highland Park, Illinois office (residence address: 236 Sheridan, Highwood, Illinois) was interviewed. He advised that he reads gas meters in Ravinia, Highland Park, Highwood, Fort Sheridan, Deerfield and country surrounding said towns. A complete description of the house in which Bremer was held, as provided by the victim, was furnished to George Duchane. He stated that he does not visit any houses with basements which correspond to said description. George Duchane further stated that he is a member of the Highwood voluntary fire department. According to Mr. Duchane, the siren is sounded in Highwood only in the case of fire. The siren is located on the buildings owned by the North Shore Railway Company. The latter company sounds an air whistle four times each day. The exact time said whistle sounds was determined by an interview with an official of the company, and same will be set out later.

F. E. Peterson, Superintendent, Water Department, Highwood, Illinois, was interviewed. After having been furnished with a description of the hideout, Mr. Peterson stated that a house corresponding to said description does not exist in Highwood within his knowledge. Mr. Peterson reads all water meters in Highwood, Illinois. With reference to the sounding of sirens and whistles in Highwood, information was provided thereto by Mr. Peterson which was identical to that furnished by George Duchane.

C. F. Christianson, Chief Employment Record Clerk, Chicago, Milwaukee & North Shore Railway, Highwood, Illinois, was interviewed. He advised that the shop whistle of the above named

railway company sounds at the following times each day with the exception of Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday: 7:45 A.M., 12 Noon, 12:45 P.M. and 4:15 P.M. This is an air whistle.

AT LAKE BLUFF, ILLINOIS:

Mrs. Mary Bubb, Clerk, Lake Bluff, Illinois Post Office, was interviewed in the absence of the postmaster. She stated that there is a stationary siren located in Lake Bluff but same is never sounded except on the occasion of a fire. There are no factories in the vicinity and no factory whistles can be heard except on rare occasions when certain whistles in Lake Forest and North Chicago, Illinois, can be heard. There are only two churches in Lake Bluff, namely - the Union and the Methodist Church. Neither church rings a bell and it is impossible to hear the bells of churches in other towns. The Chicago & Northwestern Railway and the Chicago & North Shore electric railway pass through Lake Bluff. There is very little switching done by the trains that pass through Lake Bluff. Prior to the cancellation of the air mail contracts, a mail plane passed over Lake Bluff each day. Mrs. Bubb expressed an opinion that there are no basements which are used for living quarters in Lake Bluff.

Adam R. Wachs, Superintendent, Public Works, Lake Bluff, Illinois, advised that he frequently takes meters out of homes and installs new meters in addition to reading water meters. One Alfred Bowman, who usually reads the water meters, was out of the city at the time of Agent's call, and Mr. Wachs was interviewed in his stead. A complete description of the hideout basement was furnished to Mr. Wachs. He stated that a basement of that description does not exist in Lake Bluff within his knowledge. The fire siren of Lake Bluff is sounded only in case of fire. There are no factories in Lake Bluff and it is only on rare occasions that it is possible to hear the factory whistles of North Chicago.

Eugene E. Spaid, Chief of Police, Lake Bluff, Illinois, was interviewed. He was unable to provide information regarding a basement which would compare to the description given by Bremer. A large number of the wealthy residents of Lake Bluff have their basements furnished for recreation purposes. Mr. Spaid stated that he has been suspicious of a house located several miles from Lake Bluff. He consented to point this house out to the writer. Agent entered this basement under a suitable pretext, but it was found that it bore no resemblance whatever to the interior of the basement used as a hideout.

Vincent Dunn, 269 Woodland, Lake Forest, Illinois - Robert Muir, 692 Cherry, Lake Forest, Illinois - and H. Bishop, 771 Oakwood, Lake Forest, Illinois, were interviewed. These individuals are employed as meter readers for the North Shore Gas Company, Lake Forest, Illinois and they read the gas meters in Lake Bluff, Illinois. A complete description of the hideout was provided them but they were unable to remember having seen any basement which would correspond to the description furnished by the Victim in this case.

AT LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS:

George E. Larson, Chief, Fire Department, Lake Forest, Illinois, was interviewed. Lake Forest has a population of approximately seven thousand people. A large number of wealthy people, including many millionaires, reside in Lake Forest. There are numerous estates of considerable magnitude in the locality. According to George E. Larson, the stationary fire siren of Lake Forest is sounded at noon each day with the exception of Sunday and at no other time other than at large fires. The siren is never sounded for small fires. It is possible to hear the siren of Lake Bluff, Illinois, when the wind is favorable. The siren of Lake Bluff is sounded only in case of fire. There are no factories in or near Lake Forest. There are four churches in Lake Forest. Two churches are equipped with bells which are rung only for Sunday services. The bells of the churches in Lake Forest are never rung on Saturday according to Mr. Larson. The Chicago & Northwestern steam railway and the Chicago, North Shore electric railway pass through Lake Forest. Trains arrive in Lake Forest every half hour. A large number of commuters use these trains. There is some switching done in Lake Forest. An air mail route passes over the town and four air mail planes are seen daily. There are also occasional planes flying overhead from the Pal-Waukee and Curtis Airports, which are located but a comparatively short distance away. At the request of the writer Mr. Larson checked the records of fires during the latter part of January 1934. Said records reflect that there were no fires on January 28, 1934, and the fire siren was not sounded on that date. The records further reflect that a fire call was received on each of the following dates: January 25th, 29th and 31st, 1934. The siren was not sounded for any of the fires in question however.

Walter Smith, Postmaster, Lake Forest, Illinois, upon interview stated that the siren of Lake Forest sounds each day at noon with the exception of Sunday, and at no other time other than at fires. Mr. Smith further advised that there are no factories in the vicinity and that the only factory whistle that can be heard in Lake Forest is a whistle of a North Chicago factory which is sounded at seven o'clock in the morning. Mr. Smith stated that it is only on rare occasions that the factory whistle in North Chicago can be

heard in Lake Forest however. The wind must be quite favorable and it is seldom heard. Mr. Smith corroborated the statement of George E. Larson to the effect that only two churches in Lake Forest have bells, and that same are rung only on Sundays. Walter Smith was formerly connected with a Lake Forest store and in that capacity he made deliveries to the greater number of homes in or near Lake Forest. He expressed an opinion that there are no basements in Lake Forest which are suitable for living quarters.

In order to attempt to locate the hideout, samples of the wallpaper which appeared on walls of room in which Bremer was held, were exhibited to L. A. Larsen, 255 Market Square, Lake Forest, Illinois. He operates the only place of business in Lake Forest that sells wallpaper. Mr. Larsen stated that he has never handled wallpaper similar to the samples which were shown him.

C. Van Laningham, Manager, North Shore Gas Company, Lake Forest, Illinois, was interviewed and arrangements were made to interview all gas meter readers who work out of the Lake Forest office. Mr. Van Laningham is familiar with a large number of the homes in the vicinity of Lake Forest but he was unable to recall a house which answers the description provided by Bremer.

Vincent Dunn, 269 Woodland, Lake Forest, Illinois - Robert Muir, 692 Cherry, Lake Forest, Illinois - and H. Bishop, 771 Oakwood, Lake Forest, Illinois, are employed as meter readers by the Lake Forest office of the North Shore Gas Company. The territory which they cover includes that lying between the north gate of Fort Sheridan to the south gates of Great Lakes and from the lake east to west of Waukegan Road. No information could be developed concerning a basement corresponding to the description provided by the Victim of this case.

AT NORTHBROOK, ILLINOIS:

A. W. Werhane, Superintendent, Water Department, Northbrook, Illinois, was interviewed. Mr. Werhane reads all water meters in Northbrook and he stated that he has entered almost every home in the town. Northbrook has a population of 1400 people. It does not have a stationary siren. The only siren which is ever sounded in Northbrook is a small siren which is attached to the fire truck. This siren is sounded only in the case of fire and is used going to and from the fire. It is impossible to hear

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any sirens of surrounding towns with the exception of the Deerfield, Illinois fire siren which is sounded only in case of fire. On rare occasions it is possible to hear the Highland Park and the Lake Forest siren. There is no factory located in or near Northbrook. Mr. Werhane stated that it is impossible to hear any whistle whatever which might resemble a factory whistle. Northbrook has one church. The bell of this church rings each Sunday at 9:25 A.M. and 10:45 A.M. It is never rung on Saturday. The St. Peter's Church is also located near Northbrook. The bell of this church rings only at 10:45 each Sunday morning. It does not ring on Saturday. The Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific steam railway passes through Northbrook and on the edge of Northbrook, a distance of approximately one mile, the North Shore electric train passes through. The St. Paul railway trains leave Northbrook each day at the following hours: 6 A.M., 6:30 A.M., 7:06 A.M., 7:30 A.M., 7:36 A.M., 8 A.M., 9 A.M., 11:50 A.M., 3:20 P.M., 5:30 P.M., 7 P.M., and 9:35 P.M. These trains leave Northbrook at the designated times for Chicago and the same trains return from Chicago arriving in Northbrook about one hour later. Switching occurs in Northbrook once each day. Two air mail planes fly over Northbrook regularly at 8:50 A.M. and 7 P.M. each day. Numerous other planes from the Palwaukee and Curtis Airports fly over Northbrook at irregular intervals.

A complete description of the hideout was furnished to Mr. Werhane. He advised that the only basement resembling the description of the hideout is located in a house situated on the corner of Second and Center Street, Northbrook, Illinois. The writer proceeded to the house in question and after making a suitable pretext the entire basement was inspected. It does not correspond to the description of the hideout as furnished by Bremer.

Mrs. M. B. Corson, Postmistress, Northbrook, Illinois, was interviewed. The information which she provided is identical to that furnished by Mr. Werhane. She stated that no stationary siren can be heard in Northbrook; that no factories are located in the vicinity and that it is impossible to hear the whistles of other localities. Mrs. Corson advised that only one church is situated in Northbrook. The bell of said church rings only on Sunday and never rings on Saturday.

#### AT RONDOUT, ILLINOIS:

G. A. Fisher, Postmaster, Rondout, Illinois, was interviewed. Rondout, Illinois, has a population of 239 inhabitants. It is a railroad center and the people who reside there are of the poor working class. Many Mexicans and Italians live in Rondout. A large number of the Italians are engaged as gardeners on the estates

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of the wealthy individuals, which are located but a few miles away. There is no siren situated in Rondout, Illinois. It is possible, however, to hear the siren located on the Fould's Milling Company factory at Libertyville, Illinois. This siren sounds each day at 8:30 A.M., 12 Noon, 12:30 P.M. and 4:30 P.M., in addition to sounding in case of a fire. It is impossible to hear any factory whistle in Rondout, Illinois. There are no churches in Rondout and the bells of churches located in other towns are not audible. The Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railway, the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Freight Railway and the North Shore electric train pass through or near Rondout. Mr. Fisher stated that because of the small size of Rondout he observes almost all strange cars that enter the village. A large dark colored Buick Sedan has not been seen by Mr. Fisher, however, and no strangers have been frequenting the village during the past few months. A description of the hideout was furnished Mr. Fisher, but he was unable to provide any information concerning a basement which corresponds to said description.

Roy Grosbenor, Mundelein, Illinois, who is a meter reader for the North Shore Gas Company, Libertyville, Illinois office, was interviewed. He reads meters in the vicinity of Third Lake, Grays Lake, Druce Lake, Mundelein, Libertyville, Rondout, Prairie View, Half Day, Aptakisic and Columbian Gardens. He advised that the only basement resembling the description of the hideout, as provided by Bremer, is in the home of Stephen Krotowski, Rondout, Illinois. Mr. Fisher stated that Stephen Krotowski is a devoted church worker; that he walks to Libertyville, Illinois, each day for the purpose of attending church, and that he bears a very good reputation.

The writer visited the home of Stephen Krotowski and entered the basement of his home upon a suitable pretext. It failed to correspond to the description provided by Bremer.

#### AT TECHNY, ILLINOIS:

There are no places of business in Techny, Illinois. In view of the fact that Techny adjoins Northbrook, Illinois, inquiry was made concerning Techny of Mr. A. W. Werhane, Superintendent, Water Department, Northbrook, Illinois. He stated that Techny, Illinois, consists of two thousand acres of land which is used for certain Catholic institutions. On this land there is a church, reform school, school for girls, and old folks' home. There is no siren in Techny. A whistle is sounded each day at 12 Noon. This whistle has but little volume, however, and it cannot be heard in Northbrook, according to Mr. Werhane. There is a freight belt railway line which passes

near Techny.

Mrs. M. B. Corson, Postmistress, Northbrook, Illinois, was also interrogated concerning Techny. She was unable to furnish any information in addition to that supplied by Mr. Werhane.

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ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Henry Hull, inmate #73166, Harlan State Prison Farm, near Richmond, Texas, stated he was former member of Barker gang, and was last with this gang in January, 1933; that he accompanied Doc Barker and Barker's father from Oklahoma to St. Paul, Minn., in December, 1932; that the Barkers and their associates resided in apartment house corner Marshal and Cleveland Streets, St. Paul, and they frequented Hollyhock Club near St. Paul; that Barkers' contacts were business man named Graham in Reno, Nevada, and Jack Glynn, former Chief of Police, Leavenworth, Kansas, also one "Doc" Stacey, gangster, in Chicago, Ill. P.

Reference: Report of Special Agent F. S. Dunn, Dallas, Texas, 3-6-34.

## DETAILS:

Henry Hull, inmate #73166, Harlan State Prison Farm, near Richmond, Texas was interviewed by Special Agent E. H. Parker and this Agent, at that prison farm. He stated that he was a former member of the Fred Barker gang, and was last with them in Reno, Nevada, January 8, 1933. Hull stated that since that time he has had no contact with them, and does not know their whereabouts, for reason he believes that after the robbery of the Third Northwestern Bank in Minneapolis in December, 1932, certain members of the Barker gang intended to "put him on the spot" because he knew too much about their operations and was not in on that bank job. He stated that he was out of Oklahoma State Penitentiary on leave of absence in Fall of 1932, and Doc Barker picked him up, and he accompanied Doc Barker and Doc Barker's father from Oklahoma to St. Paul, Minn., in December, 1932; that members of the Barker gang were Fred Barker, Doc Barker, Jess Doyle, Bill Scott, Alvin Karpis and one

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Campbell. Also a man called "Louie" who has a woman, but does not know her name. He stated that Jess Doyle served time in Oklahoma State Penitentiary in 1923-1924, and Bill Scott is out of Oklahoma State Penitentiary on parole from life sentence.

Hull stated that while en route to St. Paul, Minn., with Doc Barker and Barker's father, Doc Barker informed him, Hull, their contact man in St. Paul is a man whose first name is Harry, and who works in State Capitol. Hull stated he never met this man Harry, and that Doc Barker informed him that Harry kept the gang posted on any information or inquiries regarding members of the gang. Hull also stated that Jack Glynn is also a contact of the Barker gang; that Glynn is the one who got Doc Barker and Volney Davis out of McAlester, Oklahoma, penitentiary, on parole, and members of the Barker gang pay off to Glynn; that Glynn is former Chief of Police of Leavenworth, Kansas, and he meets the members of the Barker gang at the big hotel in Leavenworth, Kansas, the name of which he cannot recall.

Hull further stated that the Barker gang has a contact man in Reno, Nevada, by name of Graham, who is a big business man in that city, and is in close touch with the Governor of Nevada; that after the robbery of the Third Northwestern Bank in Minneapolis, Graham kept the money they got from that robbery and changed it for them. Also that the Barkers had a private residence on Pueblo Street, Reno, Nevada, and Mrs. Barker was with them; that they used the surname of James while residing at that residence.

Henry Hull stated that when members of the Barker gang went to Chicago they stayed with "Doc" Stacey, who is a gangster in Chicago; that he, Hull, was never in Chicago with the Barker gang, and does not know where Stacey resides or frequents, but Stacey is known to the Chicago police as a gangster, and, no doubt, the Police can furnish information regarding his location. He also stated that members of the Barker gang frequented the Hollyhock Club, which is about four or five miles from St. Paul, Minn., and is operated by a man called "Jack" who is dark complected and looks like a Greek or Italian; that in December, 1932, Fred Barker and other members of that gang resided in an apartment house at corner of Marshal & Cleveland Streets, St. Paul; that the Barker boys were great friends of Frank Nash, and often visited Nash in Cicero, Ill., before Nash was caught in Hot Springs, Ark.

Hull stated that in his opinion the Barker boys will not frequent Kansas City, Mo., for they are "hot" in that City, and they will not frequent any State which has capital punishment. He stated that if a close watch is kept on father of Fred and Doc Barker, who operates a filling station in Neosho, Mo., the Barker boys or their father will contact with each other, and old man Barker will likely go to visit the boys wherever they are located.

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Agents informed Henry Hull they would again interview him at some later date regarding the Barker boys and their associates, and he stated he would not be furnishing any information he had knowledge of providing it not be known that he is furnishing any information regarding them.

No leads are being set out for interested offices covering the above stated information, this being left to the discretion of Inspector Rorer. However, it is suggested that if it has not been done, the Kansas City office should place an informant on Henry Hull, and keep him under surveillance. Henry Hull stated the Barker boys would sooner or later contact their associates.

Original notes of Henry Hull forwarded to the San Antonio Office with reference report are being attached to Dallas office copies of this report.

Note by SAC:

Louis Stacey is the individual under indictment in the Kansas City shooting affair. The information relative to the man Graham at Reno, Nevada, was thought of sufficient importance to pass to Salt Lake City by wire which was done.

The latest information by letter from St. Paul was received subsequent to this interview and Hull will be immediately re-interviewed.

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April 10, 1934

Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Identification Order 1218,  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,  
Identification Order 1219, et al,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim, KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy dated at San Antonio, Texas, March 23, 1934, wherein it is noted that Henry Hull, inmate #73166, Marlow State Prison Farm, near Richmond, Texas, is furnishing information concerning members of the Barker-Karpis gang, stated that one Bill Scott was a member of this gang and that Scott is now out of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary on parole from a life sentence.

There are transmitted herewith photographs and copies of the criminal record of an individual identified in the files of the Identification Unit of this Division as Phoenix Donald alias Bill Scott, #14993, State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, who on April 7, 1925 was received at that institution for the crime of murder, sentenced to life imprisonment. This individual's fingerprints are included in the single fingerprint file of the Division and have been given consideration in examining latent prints submitted in connection with the above entitled case.

Offices receiving copies of this letter are also being furnished with the photograph and criminal record of Phoenix Donald alias Bill Scott, and they should ascertain the disposition, in their respective districts, relative to the arrests reflected on the criminal record.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Mrs. Edna Douglas Barton, widow, resides at 1112 S. Mulberry St., Troy, Ohio. She bears a good reputation in her home community, is the mother of three small children and has no known connections with St. Paul racketeers.</p> <p>P.</p>			
REFERENCE: Letter from St. Paul Office to the Chicago Office dated 3-9-34.			
DETAILS: AT DAYTON and TROY, OHIO			
<p>There is no Mulberry Street listed within the city limits of Dayton, Ohio.</p> <p>At Troy, Ohio, agent found that Mrs. Edna Douglas Barton was listed in the City Directory as residing at 1112 S. Mulberry St. She was described as the widow of Harold Barton formerly a photographer in Troy.</p> <p>Agent in company with Special Agent Lish Whitson interviewed Mr. DeGraff, Manager, Troy Telephone Company, who searched his records for December, January and February without finding any long distance telephone calls charged to Mrs. Barton. He had no record of the telephone call from Minneapolis on 1-12-34 nor on 12-4-33. One telegram was charged to Mrs. Barton, sent to Cleveland, Ohio, via Western Union.</p> <p>The Manager of the Western Union was contacted and declined to furnish a copy of this telegram without a court order.</p>			
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At the Post Office, Troy, agent interviewed Walter K. Ross, carrier, who delivers mail to Mrs. Barton. He stated that some months ago her husband, Harold Barton, who had been a resident of Troy all his life and in business as a photographer there, died and that Mrs. Barton is now living at 1112 S. Mulberry St., Troy, with her three small children. He informed that Mrs. Barton's mother, Mrs. Helene Douglas, lives at 10306 Clifton Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio, and that he has noticed at long intervals mail coming from Minneapolis, Minn. Ross further stated that he had noticed no strangers at the home of Mrs. Barton during the past three months; that she bears a very good reputation in the community and that the only time he knew of her being away was for a few days after the Holidays when she was reported to have gone to see her mother in Cleveland, Ohio. The telegram of 1-6-34 to Cleveland is probably to her mother.

The home of Mrs. Barton was viewed by Agent and Agent Whitson at 1112 S. Mulberry St. It is a small plain dwelling, located in a respectable neighborhood with close neighbors on both sides. There is no basement entrance in the front and the house appears to be heated by a furnace.

An old model Ford Coupe was parked in front of the residence with muddy Ohio license plates and the mail carrier Ross stated that this car belonged to Johnnie Allen, a friend of Mrs. Barton, who has been doing errands for her ever since her husband died. Johnnie Allen is well known in the community and resided there all his life.

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Dear Sir:

IN RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, DECEASED  
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUG.  
I.O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases,  
FUG. I. O. #1194  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to Division letter of March 14, 1934, pertaining to this matter and to the case of ALVIN KARPIS, ET AL EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM. KIDNAPING, wherein reference is made to a long distance telephone call made on the night of June 16, 1933, from Kansas City to the Hollyhocks Inn, St. Paul, Minnesota, which had an apparent connection with this massacre. It is also pointed out in the letter from the Division that Paula Harmon, believed to be an associate of the so-called BARKER-KARPIS gang, probably made a long distance telephone call from Kansas City, Missouri, to Beaumont, Texas, during April or May 1933, to one Theodore Miley, to whom Paula Harmon also forwarded \$40.00 by mail, evidently from Kansas City, Missouri.

Investigation in connection with Paula Harmon's appearance in Kansas City, as made recently by this office, has disclosed that she was here on May 13, 1933, when she secured an express package by calling at the Railway Express Agency in person. It is also indicated that she was visiting at the residence of Vernon C. Miller, 6612 Edgevale Road, telephone Jackson 7073, and that she was also in friendly contact with the family of Frank B. Mulloy, 14 East 56th Street Terrace, telephone Miland 0852.

Investigation in this matter has also shown that Frank B. Mulloy is associated in a business way with June Kathrens, of the Kathrens Storage Company here, and that Kathrens was also friendly with Vernon C. Miller. Kathrens resides at number 3 East Concord Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, where he resided in June 1933, having telephone number Miland 6707. The telephone number at the Kathrens Storage Company is Logan 3400. The telephone number at the wholesale beer establishment operated by Kathrens and Mulloy jointly is Victor 4400. These numbers were the same in June 1933. There were also

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during June 1933 two road houses in Kansas City in which Mulloy and Kathrens were interested; namely, the 85th Street Tavern and the Horse Shoe Club, telephone numbers Jackson 9702 and Jackson 9515 respectively.

Attention is called to the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainer dated at Kansas City, Missouri, November 28, 1933, in this matter, especially to pages 5 and 6, showing long distance calls from the telephones of these two road houses during the months of April and July 1933. It may be stated here that it seemed apparent at the time that report was made that there should be some record of long distance telephone calls from those telephones of May and June 1933, and although this office has endeavored repeatedly, through the assistance of the telephone company, to locate such records, it has been definitely stated by telephone company officials here that there were no calls during that period (May and June 1933), inasmuch as there are no toll tickets to be found. The telephone company does not render a bill on telephones such as these, same having been pay telephones and the only available record would be the toll tickets.

Investigation has been made heretofore of the records pertaining to Frank B. Mulloy's telephone and it was found that there were no long distance calls from that phone to any point in Texas during the period from April 1 to August 1, 1933. The telephone of Mulloy shows the following long distance calls during that period:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>PERSON</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Apr. 6	Chicago, Ill.		Maywood 1893
Apr. 28	Leavenworth, Ks.		1475
May 4	Leavenworth, Ks.	Adler	1475
May 16	Chicago, Ill.	June E. Kathrens	Delaware 9782 (Stevens Hotel)
May 23	Western Union Telegram signed Rosemary		
May 24	Chicago, Ill.		Boulevard 1752
May 25	Leavenworth, Ks.		727
May 25	Leavenworth, Ks.	T. Hogan	727
June 5	Leavenworth, Ks.	Hogan's restaurant	2839
June 6	Chicago, Ill.		Boulevard 1752
June 29	Chicago, Ill.		Superior 4660 (St. Clair Hotel)
July 1	Leavenworth, Ks.		325
July 1	Western Union telegram signed Mulloy		
July 3	Leavenworth, Ks.		325

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Investigation has not been completed in this District with reference to the identity of the parties called by Mulley and to whom the telegrams appear to have been sent, although it does not appear that any of these calls pertain to either this or the Bremer case. Attention is directed to the fact that Maywood 1893, Chicago, Illinois, is evidently the private telephone of Louis Stacci.

As outlined in the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, in this case, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, December 8, 1933, on page 11, the long distance telephone call made from Kansas City, Missouri, to the Hollyhocks Inn, St. Paul, Minnesota, on the night of June 16, 1933, was made from the Union Railroad Station. Same was a station to station call and the name of no one, either calling or being called, is shown on the record. A photostatic copy of the long distance toll ticket reflecting that call is herewith transmitted to the Division.

Inquiry was made of the telephone company on March 17, 1934 and March 19, 1934, to determine whether there were any long distance telephone calls from the phone numbers Hiland 6707 and Victor 4400 made to Beaumont, Texas, or other points in Texas, during April, May or June 1933 which could be identical with the call alleged to have been made by Paula Harmon to Theodore Riley, as mentioned in the reference letter from the Division. Agent was advised, however, that the long distance telephone toll tickets for the months of April and May 1933 have been destroyed, pursuant to the regular policy of the telephone company. There may be a few May tickets still available, and a search is still under way by the telephone company to locate such as may be found.

The telephone company is still unable to locate any toll tickets for Jackson 9515 or Jackson 9702 for May or June 1933.

It is thought probable that there may have been some long distance calls on Hiland 6707 for June 1933 which would now be available, and within the next few days the Kansas City Office will be advised as to what is discovered in this connection.

It has been indicated in several communications in the Bremer case that Paula Harmon is believed to have stopped at the Baltimore Hotel during April or May 1933 when she was in Kansas City, and, accordingly, the long distance telephone records in possession of the auditor of the hotel were completely searched for the months of April and May 1933 but there are found no long distance telephone

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calls to Beaumont, Texas on those records.

The daily local telephone records of the hotel in question are still available and reflect all telephone calls made within Kansas City from that Hotel. A partial search has been made to locate telephone numbers called from any room at the hotel identical with those of Frank B. Mulloy, June Kathrens, Vernon C. Miller, or the road houses, telephone numbers of which are all mentioned herein. To date there has been discovered nothing pertinent, but the search is continuing. A later report will be rendered in connection therewith.

It is noted that investigation has been made and reported heretofore, through the Bremer case, at the Baltimore Hotel, in an effort to locate a registration of Paula Harmon, especially during the months of April or May 1933, but same was done without result.

Special Agent W. F. Trainor, who made this inquiry of the telephone company at Kansas City, Missouri, was advised that even though the long distance toll tickets for the months for which long distance calls are thought to have been made are available, unless specific telephone numbers are indicated for search there is no means of determining whether long distance calls were made from Kansas City to a given point without a search of the records pertaining to approximately 250,000 telephones in Kansas City and the suburbs. This is true because the records do not reflect long distance calls by cities, and the toll tickets are filed under the respective numbers of the source from which the calls emanate. The telephone company would decline to make such a search, and would require definite information as to what telephone and what date is to be considered.

The telephone records indicate the following toll calls on the telephone of Vernon C. Miller, listed under the name of Vincent C. Moore, 6612 Edgevale Road, for the period from April 1 to June 16, 1933, which was the full period for which the telephone was used:

April 12, 1933 - to Joplin, Mo. - Number 1541W2. Residence Subjects Herbert Allen Farmer and Esther Farmer.

April 16, 1933 - to Joplin, Mo. - Number 1541W2 - Same as above.

April 18, 1933 - to Leavenworth, Ks. - Number 458 - Barnes-Collard Chevrolet Company.

April 29, 1933 - to Leavenworth, Ks. - Number 1362 - Telephone of Jack Glyn.

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May 3, 1935 - By "Moore" to Minneapolis, Minnesota - telephone number Atlantic 3177 - Nicollet Hotel, Room 764.

June 1, 1935 - to Hot Springs, Ark. - phone number LD12 to Dick Latius (Evidently Richard Tallman Galatas, Subject of this case).

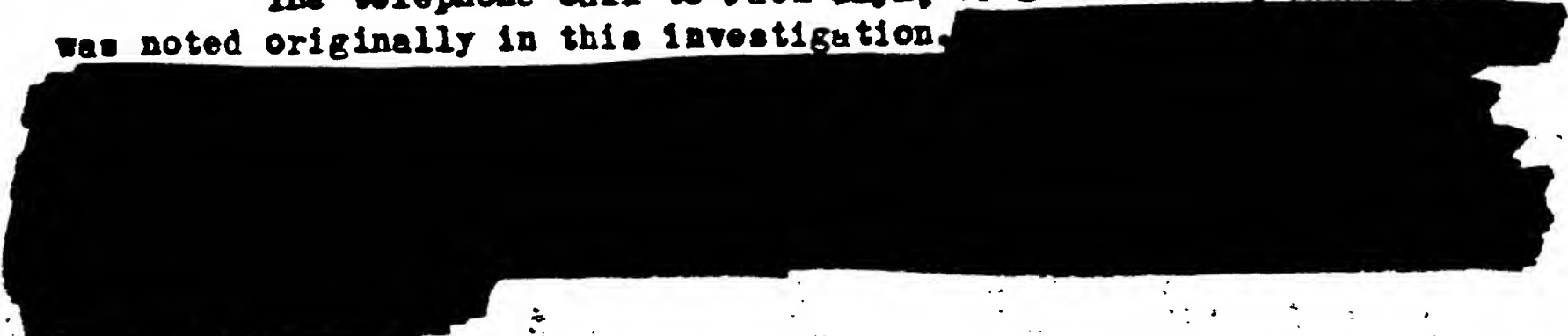
June 16, 1935 - Suburban call to Overland Park, Kansas, Number 411.

The long distance telephone calls mentioned above have been previously investigated. Subjects Herbert Allen Farmer and Esther Farmer denied, when interviewed, that they were at home when the telephone calls of April 12th and 16th were made at their house, having no other plausible explanation to offer.

The telephone call to the Chevrolet Company at Leavenworth, Kansas, could not be verified as no one there seemed to have any definite recollection of same. It was ascertained, however, that in all probability Miller had traded with that company.

The telephone call to Jack Glyn, of Leavenworth, Kansas, was noted originally in this investigation.

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The telephone call made to the Nicollet Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota, was investigated without definite results.

As to the suburban call made on June 16th to Overland Park 411, it was ascertained that this is the number of the Milburn Golf Club, at which Miller is said to have played golf a great deal. He is shown by the records of that golf course, according to previous investigation made by this office, to have played for the last time there June 13, 1935. A further check is being made of the identities of all parties who might have been on the course when this telephone call was received on June 16th. It is indicated that the call was of five minute duration and was made at 6:11 P.M.

A check of the calls from Overland Park 411 as of June 16th reveals that there were no long distance calls placed on that date, and suburban toll tickets show that the following Kansas City numbers were called:

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Valentine 8100 - Alcazar Hotel  
Victor 6328 - Erie Railroad Company  
Grand 1125 - Hamm-Singer Corp. 200 Grand Ave.  
Victor 9200 - J. J. Engle & Company  
Drexel 0448 - Williams Meat Co., 20 Kansas Avenue,  
Kansas City, Kansas.  
Victor 7690 - Stanley & Stanley, Attys., 212 Federal  
Reserve Bank Building.

None of these calls were made after 6 P.M. An investigation of all calls made to the above numbers which were reached from Overland Park 411 failed to reveal any calls of a suspicious nature which apparently might be connected with any of the Subjects in this case.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - 2 St. Paul  
1 Chicago  
1 San Antonio



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U. S. Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice

Room 1403, 370 Lexington Avenue,  
New York City, N.Y.

March 23, 1934

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Captain Fred Zwirz of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, New York Police Department has requested me to secure for him, photographs, fing rprints and criminal records of ARTHUR BAKER and ALVIN KARPIS - both of whom are allegedly linked with the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim, Kidnaping and Extortion. He has requested that this material be sent through this office, in order to insure his receiving it.

Very truly yours,

*F. X. Day*  
F. X. DAY,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
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370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403,  
New York City.

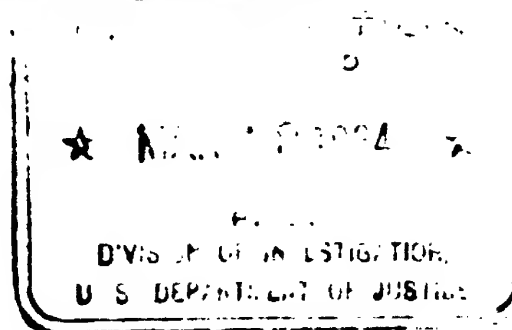
Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of March 23, 1934, wherein you inform of the desire of Captain Fred Zwirz of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, New York Police Department, to secure identifying data as to Arthur Barker and Alvin Karpis, the Division is attaching copies of the Identification Orders issued in the cases of these persons for transmittal to Captain Zwirz.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #689793.



Handwritten initials and a signature. The initials appear to be 'J. H.' and the signature is a stylized 'J. H. S.' with a long horizontal line above it.

March 23, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Hurley-Wright Building,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim;  
Kidnaping.

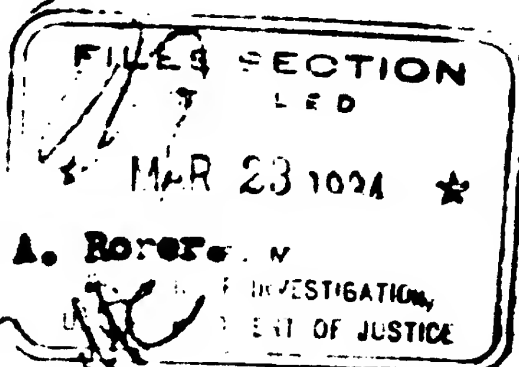
Dear Sir:

Toll records of long distance telephone calls made from telephones listed to members of the St. Paul-Minneapolis underworld, two of which calls were made to Miss Audrey Billings at Emerson 6087, Washington, D. C., have been obtained. One of these calls was made on January 4, 1934, from the telephone Emerson 2121, located in the Hollyhocks Inn operated by Jack Phiefer at St. Paul, Minnesota. Another call was made to Miss Billings on January 19, 1934, from the telephone Geneva 2140, listed in the name of Tom Banks, Minneapolis, Minnesota, who is the alleged leader of the underworld in that city. Because of the distance involved in these two telephone calls, the Division desires that their significance be ascertained by establishing the identity of Miss Billings and her associates. The toll slip of the telephone call of January 19, 1934, bears the name of the Strayers Business School, in addition to the name of Miss Billings.

The Division considers the above very important and the investigation should be very thorough and should be handled in a confidential and discreet manner. The report submitted by your office covering the above requested investigation should make reference to the report of Special Agent O. G. Hall, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, February 27, 1934, rendered in the above entitled case.

This matter should receive prompt attention.

Very truly yours,



CC - E. A. Rorer

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 21, 1934.

St. Paul, Minnesota.

MEMORANDUM:

Re: BREKID.

St. Paul file 7-30.1934.

Agent contacted FREDERICK G. LAYTON as requested in Division letter dated 3-16-34, by phone and he insisted in coming immediately to the hotel, where he talked at length with agent. When questioned about any information that he may have in connection with the kidnaping cases referred to in his letter to the Director, he informed agent that all he knew was that on March 5th or 6th of 1932 he was called to Milladore, Wisconsin, to arrest a man by the name of Adrian Russell for being drunk and disturbance, and when he was about to leave with the man for jail, a person came up to the car, that looked exactly like Roger Touhy, and known to him as Charlie, and told Russell to be particular and not to act unruly. He stated that through another prisoner in jail, he learned that Russell was implicated in some so-called "big jobs" and as a result of this information, he called Chicago Police Department and got his criminal record which showed that he had been convicted on several important charges; however, Layton was unable to say what any of the charges were, or the penalty for same. When asked whether he could furnish agent with this record received from Chicago police, he stated that he could not as it had been lost. He further informed agent that while Russell was in jail, he wrote to a person in Kansas City and also put in a long distance call for Kansas City, and that he could furnish agent with the name and address of the person to whom the letter was addressed and also the phone number which he called; however, when interviewed the following morning, he reported that he had misplaced the telephone number and the address. He further stated that the same person that came up to the car the afternoon he was about to leave Milladore with Russell, known to him as Charlie, and looking very much like Touhy, called him from Chicago and asked whether Russell would be released if he paid his fine, and he informed him that he would, but nothing more was ever heard from Charlie.

The only reason Layton gave for thinking that Russell was connected with the Lindbergh case was the fact that he was about the same size and build of Lindbergh himself, and that he felt sure that he could gain entrance to the house and carry away the baby without the maid noticing it was not Colonel Lindbergh himself.

When questioned about their connection with the Hamm case, he stated that the only reason he suspected this bunch being connected with the Hamm case was the fact that the man known as Charlie looked very much like Roger Touhy.

When questioned relative to the Bremer case, he said that he had no reason to believe this crowd had any connection with the Bremer case, as he had not seen or heard of them since Russell was released from jail around May 1, 1932.

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but that he felt sure that if he was given a position with the Division he could find this group of people and get information of value in the Bremer case.

After Layton was unable to furnish agent with the telephone number in Kansas City or to produce the criminal record of Russell, agent went to the Postmaster, Mr. Fontaine, and made inquiry as to his general reputation around town [REDACTED]

It was very evident throughout the interview with Layton that he was trying to impress agent with the many crimes that he had solved around Wisconsin Rapids, when upon inquiry agent found that no such crime had ever been committed. He further stated that he would be of great assistance to the Division when he started work for them, which he was sure would be next week.

S. L. FORTENBERRY,  
Special Agent.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
March 23, 1934

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
et al. Unknown Subjects.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-82

I am enclosing herewith photographs of  
the following named persons:

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- Maurice Brown,  
- William Weisman,  
- Herman Rierdorf,  
- Leo Cellura.

It is respectfully requested that twenty  
copies of each of these photographs be made and for-  
warded to the Chicago Office at the earliest possible  
date. The original photographs should also be returned  
to this office. In connection with the fingerprint  
card of Leo Cellura, it is desired that only the picture  
be photographed.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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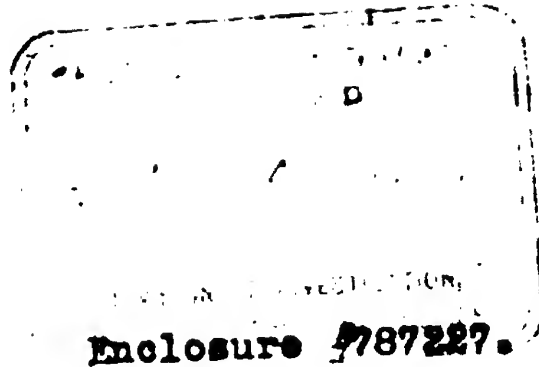
Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 23, 1934 in connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim; KIDNAPING, which enclosed photographs of Maurice Brown, William Weisman, Herman Kierdorf, and Leo Cellura. As requested by you twenty copies of each of these photographs have been made and are transmitted herewith. The four original photographs forwarded with your letter are also transmitted herewith.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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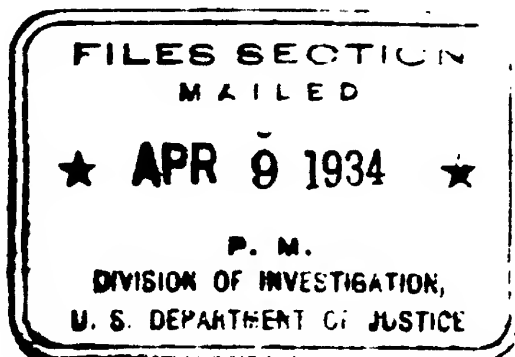
April 9, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 5E,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Under date of March 23, 1934, the Chicago office, in connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; et al; Unknown Subjects; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim; KIDNAPING, requested that it be furnished with twenty copies of the photographs of each of the following named persons: Maurice Brown, William Weisman, Herman Kierdorf, Leo Cellura. Original photographs of these individuals were submitted for the purpose of making the copies. The original and copies were transmitted to the Chicago office under date of April 4, 1934.

Very truly yours,



Director.

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# Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 19, 1934.

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

MAR 26 1934

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

With further reference to the newspaper article regarding fingerprints found on gasoline cans and flashlights identifying Karpis and the two Barkers with this case, please be advised that Special Agent O. G. Hall on March 17, 1934, interviewed Mr. Dillon, Managing Editor of the Minneapolis Tribune, in which paper the news article first appeared in the Twin Cities. Mr. Dillon stated that his first information regarding the story came when Mr. Campbell and Mr. Shipley, connected with the Minneapolis Tribune, came to him and discussed the headline that should appear concerning the news story. He stated that he is absolutely positive that his newspaper never had the information prior to its receipt by Mr. Shipley from Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

To this interview were called Mr. Clark, Mr. Campbell, and Mr. Shipley. These three men, with Mr. Dillon, operate the newspaper and have full charge of same. They were all questioned very thoroughly regarding the first information they had concerning this story and all stated very positively that the first information they had concerning the gasoline cans and flashlights story was when Mr. Shipley had received same over the telephone from Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

They were all questioned as to whether they knew anyone connected with the Tulsa World, or any other Tulsa newspaper, and Mr. Dillon stated that many years ago, he met the person who is now editor of the Tulsa World while both were working on a newspaper on the West Coast. He stated that he has not seen this individual for many years and has not talked to him over the telephone or written to him for several years. Mr. Shipley stated that he knew the name of Mr. Burks of the Tulsa World by reason of the fact that Mr. Burks is National

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Vice-President of the Newspapermen's Guild. He stated he has never seen Mr. Burks, and the first time he ever spoke to him was the morning that he received the story regarding the gasoline cans and flashlights, which was after the raid had been made in Oklahoma.

Mr. Shipley was questioned very thoroughly as to from whom he received the story and he stated that he could honestly state that he is not positive from whom he received the story but he is positive that he received it during a telephone call to Sapulpa, Oklahoma, at which time he called the jail or the sheriff's office and spoke to the jailer, the sheriff, and Mr. Burks of the Tulsa World. He does not know whether he received it from Mr. Burks.

As of possible interest to the Division, the Newspapermen's Guild held a meeting in Washington, D. C., some time ago. It is presumed that Mr. Burks was in attendance at that meeting as he is the Vice-President of the organization.

Mr. Shipley stated that shortly after the release of Mr. Bremer, information had been received from Washington, D. C., that Karpis and Barker were suspects in this case. He could recall nothing more regarding this information.

For the information of the Division, there is a working agreement between the Minneapolis Tribune, the St. Paul Dispatch, and the Minneapolis Journal. These papers invariably simultaneously print the same news stories. In this particular case, the Minneapolis Tribune was the only paper that carried the story for several hours, indicating that it had not exchanged the information with either of the above two Twin Cities papers. Experience here has shown that had the information originated in St. Paul or Minneapolis, the above three papers would have simultaneously printed the story. All other newspapers in the Twin Cities got the story from the Minneapolis Tribune and published it later.

Mr. Dillon remarked that he was surprised that the Minneapolis Journal and the St. Paul Dispatch had not printed the story as it had been his experience that when reporters telephone from a different section of the country news of this nature, they usually telephone each newspaper in the town and receive a small sum of money from each newspaper. For that reason, he was surprised when the story did not appear in the Minneapolis Journal and the St. Paul Dispatch, as well as other Twin Cities papers.



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Should this office receive any further information regarding the original source of the news article, the Division will be promptly notified by telephone.

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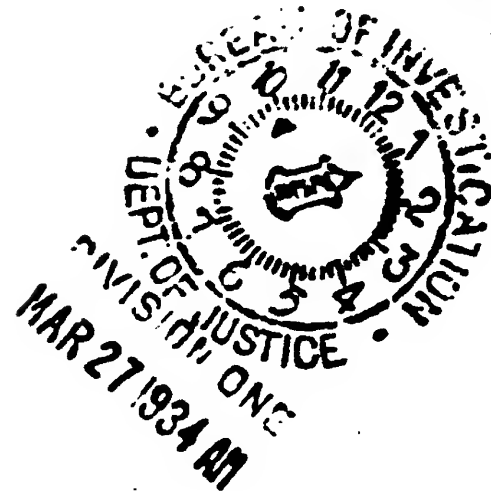
  
W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
March 24, 1934



Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
et al. Unknown Subjects.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-82

I am enclosing herewith a photograph of  
Morris Roisner of which I would like to have ten  
additional copies.

Kindly return the enclosed photograph  
with the additional copies.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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CC St. Paul

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March 29, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
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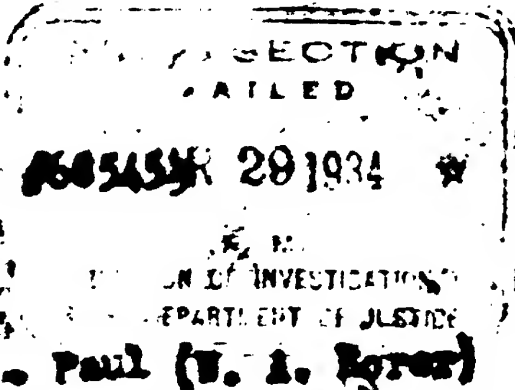
Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith ten copies of the photograph of Morris Reiser, which was furnished with your letter addressed to the Division, dated March 24, 1934. In accordance with the request contained in your letter, the original photograph submitted is returned herewith.

Six copies of this photograph are also being furnished to the St. Paul office with a copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 22, 1934

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-  
Victim. KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file No. 7-30.

Please furnish the Los Angeles office with  
six large photographs of each of the subjects involved  
in this case in order that they may be placed with the  
immigration officials at the California-Mexico border.

Reference is made to letter dated March 1,  
1934, from the San Antonio office to the Division with  
which was forwarded to the Division a composite photo-  
graph of Paula Harmon, which includes six photographs.  
It is requested that six photostat copies of this  
composite be furnished to each of the following offices:  
San Francisco, Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, and St. Paul.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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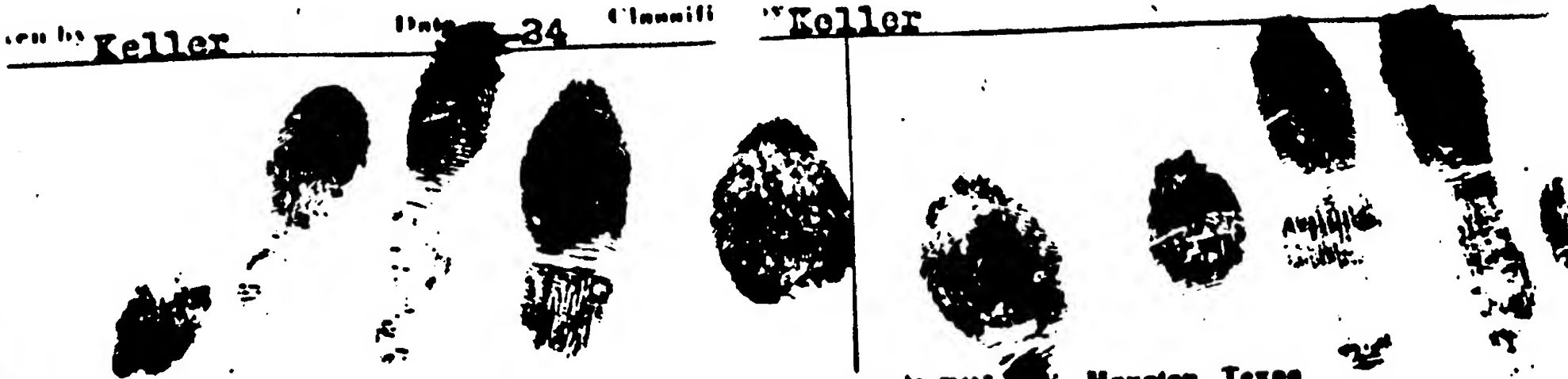
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*Miss Paula Harmon*

*Miss Paula Brannan*

PAULA HARMON alias  
 Polly Walker nee Brannan.  
 Age: 30 (1934)  
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 Wt: 99# (1924)  
 Hair: Md.Lt. Ch. (1924)  
 Eyes: Ch.Gr.  
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April 2, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 536,  
Los Angeles, California.

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DIVISION ONE

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of Inspector Rorer dated March 22, 1934, addressed to the Division, wherein request is made that six large photographs of each of the subjects involved in the above entitled case be forwarded to your office so that they can be traced with the Immigration Officials along the Mexican Border.

There are enclosed herewith, and to each of the offices indicated below, six enlarged photographs of each of the following subjects:

ALVIN KARPIS, #1539, Kansas State Penitentiary  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, #11906, Oklahoma State Penitentiary  
FRED BARKER, #9636, Kansas State Penitentiary  
VOLNEY DAVIS, #12806, Oklahoma State Penitentiary  
HARRY CAMPBELL, #1846, Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The El Paso and San Antonio offices should likewise make appropriate arrangements with the Immigration Officials in their respective districts.

There are also enclosed herewith, and with each copy of this letter to the offices designated below except the San Antonio office, four photostatic copies of the composite arrangement photograph of Paula Harmon, who has been identified as an associate of the above named group.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. #63496

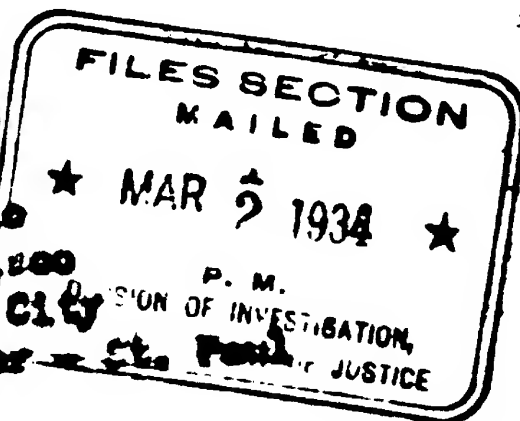
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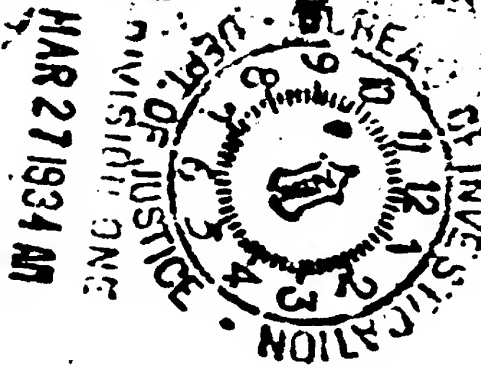
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March 24, 1934

Inspector W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 815,  
St. Paul, Minn.



Dear Sir:

In accordance with a request contained in a letter of March 20, 1934 from the Chicago Office, there are being transmitted to you herewith six photographs of Danny Morgan, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Police Department, #3,554.

There is also being enclosed one photograph of James M. Clark, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Police Department, #3,554, and one photograph of Herman K. Lamm, alias Herbert J. Adams, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Police Department, #3,553, the associates of Morgan.

There are transmitted to the Chicago Office, with a copy of this letter, six photographs of Danny Morgan, together with a copy of the photograph of Herman K. Lamm and James M. Clark.

Very truly yours,

L. B. Reed, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 15, 1934.

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Mr. NATHAN \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. TOLSON \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. CLEGG \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. COWLEY \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. EDWARDS \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. EGAN \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. QUINN \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. LESTER \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss GANDY \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. ROSEN \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent Hansen called from Oklahoma City and advised that Glen Roy Wright, Alonzo Briscoe, K. C. Johnson, W. McAtee, Ira Brackett, J. B. Cucklin and wife and two women, whose names have not been secured, were arrested at 7:00 o'clock this morning by police officers, accompanied by Agent Hollis, near Sapulpa, Oklahoma, about six miles west of a town by the name of Mannford; that they were arrested in a raid on the house of Ira Brackett, after a tip was received that there were gangsters and desperadoes in the home of Brackett; that they had in their possession a lot of artillery, 15 pistols and some lugers, rifles and shotguns. Agent Hansen stated that they did not know any of the gang except Glen Roy Wright, who is wanted by the St. Paul office for questioning in connection with the Bremer case; that Wright is said to be a member of the Barker gang. Agent Hansen was instructed to immediately call the St. Paul office, giving said office this information. He was also instructed to have the prints of these individuals taken immediately and forward same to the Division.

The report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated February 20, 1934, at Kansas City, in the Bremer case, indicates that Glen Roy Wright, alias Jack Hudson, is wanted at Joplin, Missouri, Hutchinson, Kansas, and Stillwater, Oklahoma, for robbery and burglary. The records of the Tulsa, Oklahoma, Police Department also indicate that he is wanted for murder, though they did not indicate where. He was shot in the hand at Siloam Springs, Arkansas, some time ago while accompanied by Gene Johnson, who was killed by officers. He is reported to be a close friend of Karpis and the Barkers.

The Identification Unit has been requested to forward to the Division Wright's criminal record. Photographs of Wright are attached hereto.

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Respectfully,

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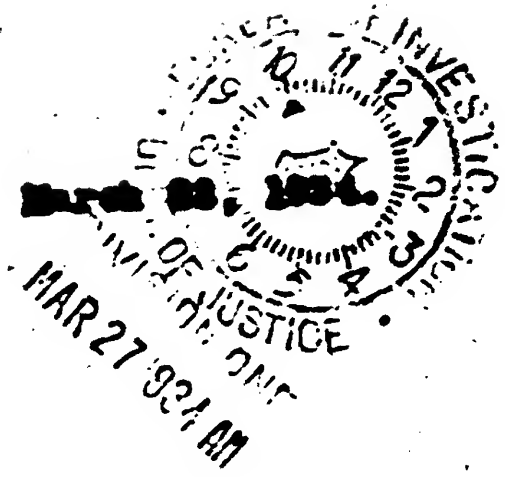
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See that Wright is  
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P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.



Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
318 Hayes Building,  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

There are attached hereto one photograph of each of the following: Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker, and Volney Davis, and a small photograph of Mrs. Kate Barker and Mrs. G. P. (Paula) Harmon. It is requested that all hotels in San Francisco and Oakland, California, be immediately checked to determine whether any of these persons, under any of the names or aliases below set out, have been there registered. Arrangements should be made for your office to be notified in the event that any of these persons so register in the future:

Fred Barker with aliases: J. Darrows, F. G. Ward, Ted Murphy, R. E. Davis, J. E. Blackburn, T. C. Blackburn, and A. S. Hunter.

Arthur R. Barker with aliases: "Doc" Barker, Claude Dale, Bob Barker, E. L. Murray, E. J. Barney, and A. S. Hunter.

Alvin Karpis with aliases: Raymond Hadley, George Haller, Alvin Karpis, George Dunn, E. E. Hamilton, Ray Karpis, A. Carter, E. L. Burns, E. L. Burns, J. J. Burns, William Lehman, and William B. Lehman.

Harry Campbell with aliases: T. C. Blackburn and George L. Martin.

Volney Davis with aliases: E. V. Davis, J. E. Lockwood, S. E. Lockwood, and C. E. Moore.

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Paula Harmon with aliases: Mrs. C. P. Harmon, Mrs. Tom Brown, Polly Walker, and Polly Brennan, and Mrs. J. Stanley Smith.

Eto Barker, with aliases: Mrs. George Anderson, Mrs. Myrtle Barker, and Mrs. A. S. Hunter.

Bear in mind that it is customary for Mrs. Eto Barker, nee of Fred and Arthur R. Barker, to assume whatever name the Barker gang are using.

The Los Angeles office is being furnished with the above mentioned photographs and is requested to make a similar investigation at Los Angeles, San Diego, and all towns in the vicinity of Los Angeles, including Hollywood. Similar investigation should be made at Santa Barbara, California, by the Los Angeles office.

The Salt Lake City office is being furnished with one photograph each of Paula Harmon and Mrs. Eto Barker, which photographs should be furnished to the agents now working at Reno, Nevada, for exhaustive investigative attention. Several photographs of the subjects in this case were previously furnished to Special Agent Gero at Reno, Nevada. Investigation similar to that requested of the San Francisco and Los Angeles offices should be conducted at Reno, Nevada.

The Division is being requested by separate letter to furnish the Los Angeles office with sufficient photographs for distribution among immigration officials on the Mexican border in California.

The photograph of Paula Harmon being furnished with this letter is not considered a good likeness of her and the Division is being requested to forward better photographs immediately.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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ST. PAUL, MINN.

BREKID ALVIN KARPIS UNDER NAME R.L. BURNES FIVE NINE ONE WEST SEVENTH STREET  
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
318 HEWES BUILDING,  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

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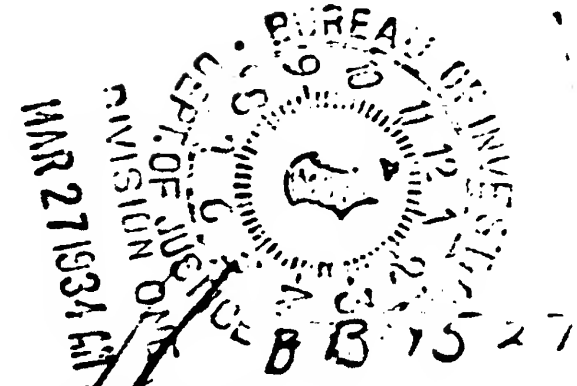
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# 503

Laboratory Report

March 20, 1934.

Case: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al,  
Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping.

Number: 7-576

Specimens: Typing of Corona Special Portable typewriter No. 656647  
of Pete Maras.

Examination requested by: St. Paul Office.

Date received: March 19, 1934.

Examination requested: Compare with extortion letters.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A. Appel.

March 19. The typewriting of the specimens made on the Corona Special Portable typewriter No. 656647 of Pete Maras is not identical with the Bremer extortion letters. In considering typewriters which might be the ones used to write these extortion letters and the other letters tentatively identified it must be remembered that the specimens of typing appearing in the extortion letters are not clear. It was intended to convey in the original report of the laboratory that this typewriter is a Portable Corona such as was in existence in 1929. This does not mean that it was made in that year for the first time. Such statements should not be taken to be conclusive but merely as a lead offered for whatever assistance they may be even though this conclusion is not as definitely certain as other portions of the report. The typewriter of Maras could have been used to write the extortion letters in this case as far as the style and year of manufacture is concerned. A comparison of the individual letters, however, indicates that it was not used.

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Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

MAR 27 1934

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al,  
Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division

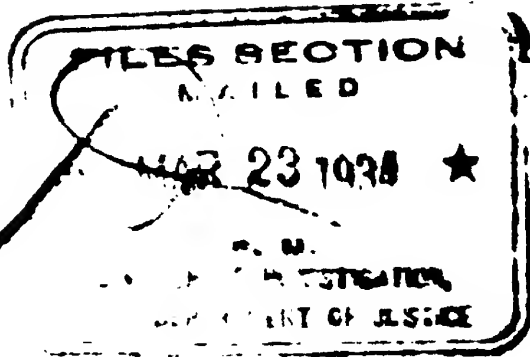
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Very truly yours,

Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
503-A U. S. Court House & Post Office Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

As a result of a telephonic conversation with Inspector Rorer at St. Paul, the Division has been advised that Special Agent A. E. Gere, of the Salt Lake City office, made investigation at Reno, Nevada and discovered that Alvin Karpis had been in Reno within the past three weeks and that, further, information indicated that members of the Barker-Karpis gang were in Reno perhaps at the present time. It was further indicated by Mr. Rorer that he telephoned Acting Special Agent in Charge Wines, at the Salt Lake City office concerning this information and learned that Special Agent Gere, after discovering the information outlined above, had departed from Reno for Salt Lake City. The Division is unable to understand the motives prompting Special Agent Gere to depart from Reno for Salt Lake City right at the time when it appeared that an intensive investigation should be conducted for the purpose of definitely locating and causing the apprehension of the individuals who are being sought. The Division would like to be advised in detail concerning the circumstances surrounding Agent Gere's departure from Reno after having obtained information of the type which has been reported to the Division.

With further reference to the handling of this case, Mr. Rorer advised that a two or three page telegram was received by him summarizing the information received from Agent Gere. The Division believes that due to the importance of the case in question and the necessity for expediting the handling of all leads, as well as the transmittal of the information in question, the telephone should have been used rather than a telegram to transmit this information. Please advise the Division fully with regard to the above.

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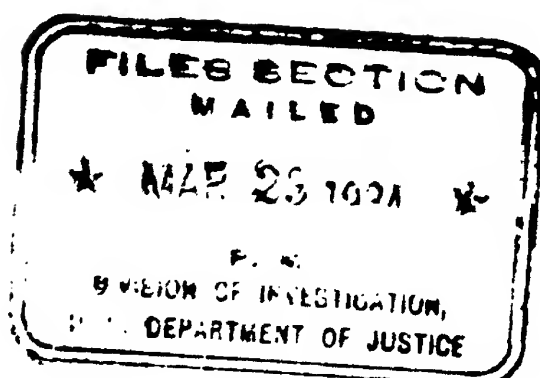
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Special Agent B. E. Sackett was instructed to proceed to Reno from the Los Angeles office to be of assistance and to meet Special Agent Gare at the Golden Hotel in Reno. In the event information is received indicating the need for additional Special Agents to handle this case at Reno it is assumed, of course, that you will communicate directly with the Division. In the event the investigation is thoroughly conducted at Reno and Agent Sackett's services are no longer necessary there, it is desired that he be authorized to return to his headquarters as soon as it has been determined that he is no longer needed.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



March 22, 1934.

CONFIDENTIALMEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

I am pleased to enclose herewith a photostatic copy of a sketch showing the principal automobile route between St. Paul, Minnesota, and Chicago, Illinois, over which it is possible that the kidnapers of Mr. Edward G. Bremer traveled while they had Mr. Bremer in their custody. Notations appear on this sketch showing where the four five-gallon gasoline cans were recovered near Portage, Wisconsin. It was from these cans that the latent fingerprints, identified as those of Alvin Karpis, were developed. Also, you will note the place where the car driven by the kidnapers was refueled at Stockton, Minnesota, and where Mr. Bremer was released at Rochester, Minnesota.

As the information obtained from Mr. Bremer indicates that the gasoline cans were removed from the car at a point estimated to be about one-half way between the place where he was held and the place where he was released, at Rochester, Minnesota, this sketch was prepared for the purpose of plotting the places where it was thought likely that Mr. Bremer was held in custody by the kidnapers. In the event the gasoline cans were removed from the car at exactly the one-half way mark, and in the event the route plotted in the attached sketch is a correct one, it is thought possible that the place where the hide-out would likely be found might be near McHenry, Illinois. A detailed study of the information obtained would indicate, at least, that this would be one logical conclusion.

This sketch, prepared in connection with the supervision of this case at the Seat of Government in Washington, has been furnished to the Special Agents handling the investigation with instructions that these possibilities be given prompt consideration.

I thought that you would be interested in the development of these possibilities evolved through the supervisory procedure here in Washington.

Respectfully,

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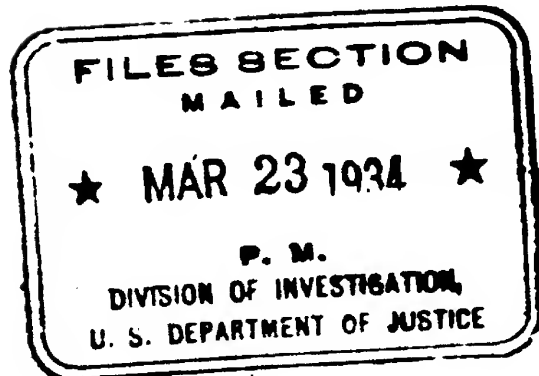
There is attached hereto a photostatic copy of a sketch which has been prepared in connection with the supervision of the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case. There is also attached a copy of a memorandum which I am today forwarding to the Attorney General showing the purpose of this sketch.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
March 21, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Drawer 1457,  
Saint Louis, Missouri

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
et al. Unknown Subjects.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER, Victim  
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I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter from  
the Dallas Office to the Chicago Office, dated March 8, 1934,  
which requests investigation at Toledo, Illinois.

It is noted that Toledo is in the Saint Louis  
District and it is observed you have received copy of the  
report of Special Agent E. J. Dowd, Dallas, dated March 7,  
1934, which will assist you in making this investigation.  
I am also enclosing a tracing which was received by the  
Dallas Office from the Postmaster at Pampa, Texas.

Very truly yours,

KRM:TDH  
CC: Division,  
Dallas,  
Saint Paul.

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M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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E.E. CO ROY,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Federal Building, Suite L,  
Kansas City, Missouri

IMMEDIATELY FORWARD HERE FIFTEEN PHOTOGRAPHS MARJORIE KEATING KANSAS CITY  
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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

St. Paul, Minnesota  
March 27, 1934.

J. A. Dowd  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
503-a U.S. Court House & P.O.  
Salt Lake City, Utah

BREKID YOUR WIRE MARCH TWENTY GIVES MOTOR NUMBER FORD V EIGHT AS  
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St. Paul, Minnesota  
March 27, 1934.

To all Division offices except  
Salt Lake City and St. Paul.

BREKID RE MY LETTER DATED MARCH TWENTY THREE NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR  
TOP PAGE TWO FORD V EIGHT MOTOR NUMBER SHOULD READ EIGHTEEN DASH  
FOUR NINE THREE NAUGHT EIGHT NAUGHT

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U. S. Department of Justice  
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WESTERN UNION MESSENGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES

1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
March 22, 1934.

Mr. U. A. Rorer, Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al. Unknown Subjects.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-82

Reference is made to your letter, dated  
March 14, 1934, in which you request a photograph of  
one FRED REARDON.

Enclosed herewith is a group picture  
containing a photograph of REARDON. An additional  
copy of this group picture has been secured from the  
Chicago Police Department and same is being retained  
in the file at this office.

Very truly yours,

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M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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St. Paul, Minnesota,  
March 22, 1934.

R.E. Vetterli,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
318 Hewes Building,  
San Francisco, California.

BREKID COVER HOTELS SAN FRANCISCO AND VICINITY FOR FRED BARKER ALIAS J DARRONE  
ALIAS F G WARD ALIAS TED MURPHY ALIAS R E DAVIS ALIAS J E BLACKBURN ALIAS  
T C BLACKBURN ALIAS A S HUNTER AND ARTHUR BARKER ALIAS DOC BARKER ALIAS  
CLAUDE DALE ALIAS BOB BARKER ALIAS E L MURRAY ALIAS H J HARNEY ALIAS A S HUNTER  
AND ALVIN KARPIS ALIAS RAYMOND HADLEY ALIAS GEORGE HALLER ALIAS ALVIN KARPIS  
ALIAS GEORGE DUNN ALIAS R E HAMILTON ALIAS RAY KARPIS ALIAS A CARTER ALIAS E L  
BURNS ALIAS R L BURNS ALIAS J J BURNS ALIAS WILLIAM LOHMAN ALIAS WILLIAM B  
LOHMAN AND HARRY CAMPBELL ALIAS T C BLACKBURN ALIAS GEORGE L MARTIN AND  
VOLNEY DAVIS ALIAS E V DAVIS ALIAS J H LOCKWOOD ALIAS S E LOCKWOOD ALIAS C E MOORE  
AND PAULA HARMON ALIAS MRS C P HARMON ALIAS MRS TOM BROWN ALIAS POLLY WALKER  
ALIAS POLLY BRANNAN AND MRS KATE BARKER ALIAS MRS GEORGE ANDERSON ALIAS ABRIE  
BARKER ALIAS MRS A S HUNTER

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SAC NEW YORK

BREKID UNDERSTAND THAT CHICAGO OFFICE HAS FURNISHED YOU INFORMATION  
THAT WILLIAM J GRAHAM IS ENROUTE NEW YORK BY RAIL STOP GRAHAM IS  
KNOWN AS CONTACT MAN AND CLOSE FRIEND OF BARKERS KARPIS STOP GRAHAM  
TOGETHER WITH J C MCKAY UNDER TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR BOND FEDERAL COURT NEW  
YORK CITY FOR VIOLATION USE OF MAILS STOP ARRANGE SURVEILLANCE OF  
GRAHAM ENDEAVORING ASCERTAIN ALL OF HIS CONTACTS WHILE IN NEW YORK  
DISTRICT INCLUDING MAIL TELEPHONES TELEGRAPH

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Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minn.

March 28, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 1457,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim, KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File 7-30

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish this office with the best  
available description of DOROTHY TRALE, St. Louis Police  
Department register number 22180.

This description is desired for use in  
a summary report now being prepared in this case and it is  
requested that you give this matter your early attention.

Very truly yours,

R.A. RORER, Inspector.

RTN:IM  
CC Division ✓

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1900 Bankers Bldg.  
Chicago, Illinois  
March 21, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
318 Hayes Building,  
San Francisco, California

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
et al. Unknown Subjects.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-82

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter dated March 4, 1934,  
directed to the Portland Office, copy of which was sent to this office.

Please refer to the personal description and criminal  
record contained in that letter, which is set out as follows:-

HOMER VIRGIL WILSON alias "Whitey"; med. chestnut hair;  
slate blue eyes; 5 feet 7 7/8 in.; 157 lbs.; 31 years in 1922;  
Criminal Record: 7/16/22, Denver #8291; chg. vag. and  
inv.; slicker with James McKinstry #8237; Harvey Oden #8238; M. H.  
Mead #8292 and Leslie Davis #8290; alleged to have trimmed a slicker  
out of \$35.00 and a gold watch."

This office is particularly interested in ascertaining  
the identity of the party known as "Whitey" Anderson, who is believed  
to have had a part in the Bremer kidnaping. In view of the fact that  
Homer Virgil Wilson is listed with the alias "Whitey", it is desired  
you make appropriate inquiries at the Identification Division, Sacramen-  
to, California, for the purpose of securing a photograph and a handwriting  
specimen of Homer Virgil Wilson, alias "Whitey".

The Salt Lake City Office is requested to make appropriate  
inquiries at Denver, Colorado to secure a photograph and a handwriting  
specimen, as well as a personal description of this party.

In the above noted criminal record, it is observed  
that one H. H. Mead, Denver No. 8292, was arrested with Wilson. A  
review of the file in the Bremer Case, discloses that one Martin  
Funderlich, 530 Desnoyer St., Saint Paul, Minnesota, was fleeced out  
of approximately \$200,000.00 by confidence men; that Funderlich made  
an examination of the confidence men gallery in the Chicago Police  
Department, where he identified one William E. Meade, Chicago Police  
Group Picture #3647, as one of the parties who fleeced him of the  
said sum.

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It is further observed that William E. Meade was arrested at 2970 Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois, on August 10, 1933, as a fugitive from Lima, Ohio. He was returned to Lima and later he jumped a \$30,000.00 bond.

It is respectfully requested that the Salt Lake City Office secure a photograph, handwriting specimen and personal description of W. E. Meade and forward same to this office immediately so that it may be compared with the photograph of William E. Meade.

For the information of the San Francisco Office, reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. L. Shivers, Jacksonville, dated February 23, 1934, entitled "Edward Doll, with aliases, et al, Fugitive, I.O. #1214 - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act", which discloses Foley (Doll) informed that late in the summer of 1933, he registered under the name of Lang or Long, at the Gary Hotel in Gary, Indiana for the purpose of meeting one "Whitie" Anderson; that at this meeting there were present, Ed Bentz and a brother of Jack Pfeiffer of Saint Paul; that during this meeting a discussion was had in connection with arrangements for a kidnaping and \$200,000.00 was mentioned as the ransom. Foley stated that he refused to take any part in this arrangement and that later "Whitie" and Bentz left Gary indicating they were going to kidnap a prominent doctor in Rochester, Minnesota, and it was his opinion, that for unknown reasons they were unable to carry this out and proceeded to Saint Paul where they pulled the Bremer job.

It is believed that the photographs which are requested in this letter may assist in the identification of "Whitie" Anderson, when shown to Edward Doll. In view of the connection between Homer Virgil Wilson and M. H. Mead in their arrest at Denver July 16, 1932, it is thought possible that Mead may be identified with "Whitie" Anderson and the Bentz Gang.

It is respectfully requested this investigation be expedited.

Very truly yours,

KRM:TMH  
CC:Division ✓  
St. Paul,  
Kansas City,  
Salt Lake City.  
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M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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March 28, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Suite L, Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim. KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File 7-50

Dear Sirs:

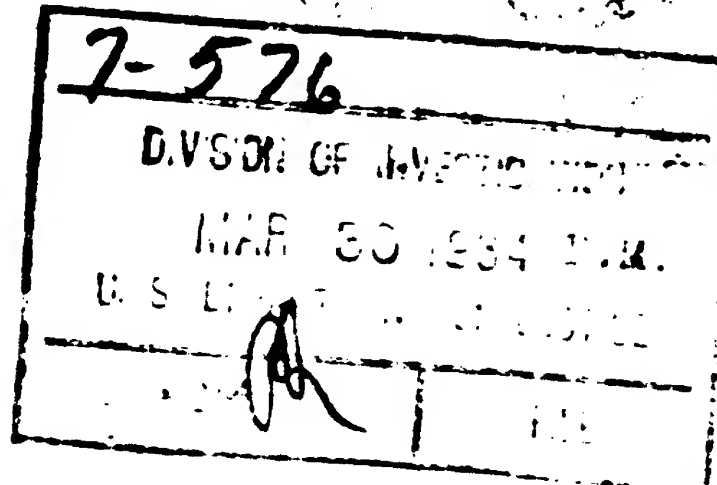
Please forward to this office the best  
available description you have of MRS. KATE BARKER, with aliases,  
and MICKEY RYAN SMITH, and MADELYN SNYDER.

These descriptions are desired for use in  
a summary report now being prepared in this case and it is re-  
quested that you give this matter your early attention.

Very truly yours,

RTM:IM  
CC Division

W.A. ROBER, Inspector.



U. S. Department of Justice  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
Bureau of Investigation

Suite L -  
Federal Building  
Kansas City, Missouri.  
March 24, 1934.

Air Mail—  
Special Delivery

ATTENTION: LABORATORY

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING.

Kindly refer to Division letter dated March 6, 1934,  
to the Oklahoma City office with reference to the desirability  
of obtaining specimens of writing from typewriters which might  
possibly have been used in the instant case.

As result of the cover which has been placed at the  
request of this office on all incoming and outgoing mail of  
Lloyd Barker, Register No. 17,243, of the U.S. Penitentiary,  
Leavenworth, Kansas, this being the brother of Fred and Arthur  
Barker, that penitentiary has forwarded to this office a photo-  
static copy of [redacted] Barker dated at Oklahoma City,  
[redacted] at this office a photostatic copy of the envelope in  
which this letter was received addressed to Mr. Loyd Barker,  
Leavenworth, Kansas, Box No. 7, postmarked at Amarillo, Texas,  
March 21, 1934, 9 p.m. There was also received a photostatic  
copy of the following longhand writing taken from the letter:

W. H. Wilcox,  
1326 West 2nd St.,  
Oklahoma City,  
Okla.

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The secretary to the Warden of the U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, in his letter transmitting these photostatic copies, has advised that delivery of the letter to Lloyd Barker at the Penitentiary will be held up until Monday March 26, 1934, and I am at this time having Special Agent Anderson request that it be delivered to him until noon of March 26th.

The above mentioned photostatic copies of the letter and longhand writing are being transmitted herewith with request that they be immediately examined to ascertain if they are the same as the original, particularly whether the handwriting on the letter may indicate that the same was written by any type writer known to the Division mentioned in Division letter dated March 6th, above referred to.

It is respectfully requested that in the event that it is found the attached specimens are of any value, the Kansas City office be advised immediately, prior to Noon March 26, 1934, in order that the original communication may be obtained for further examination. It is, of course, understood that after the communication is delivered to Barker, it may be impossible to obtain the same back from him.

Very truly yours,



M. C. SPEAR, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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2-Kansas City

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Mr Lloyd Barker.

Dear Red:

I guess you thought that you would never hear from me again but I have sure been busy, for the past month. I have been up in Texas for the last month, with a friend who is down with the TB. And he has just been admitted to the veterans hospital at Santa Fe New Mex. He is a doctor and I have known him for nearly all my life.

But I guess it is better to write late than never, isn't it?

I don't know if I know your address there but I'll try and see if this reached you. If not I'll try it again.

When do you think you can expect your discharge from there? I don't know how long that I will be in Okla City, it will all depend on whether or not I can get a job here or not.

This old country is in an awful shape now.

Tell Joe and Bill hello for me, and tell Joe that I haven't been able to see the party here that he wanted me to see, but that I will do so as soon as possible. That month does Bill get out?

I am not doing anything but just getting by, making a living that is all.

I suppose you are wondering about the liquor and beer condition but I was in KC a short time ago and it doesn't amount to much.

I haven't seen any one in town here that you or I either know yet.

I expect to go to Amarillo Tex. tomorrow with a friend to see about a restaurant, which he wants to buy. If every thing goes well there

Well I guess that I will ring off for this time and will write more next time tell anyone that I know their hello for me and write soon.

You can send my mail in care of my sister and she will forward it to me wherever I may be.

So so long for this time,  
As ever your friend,

Envelope:

Postmarked Amarillo, Texas Mar 21 9-PM 1934.

Mr Lloyd Barker

Leavenworth

Kansas.

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Box 7

W H Wilcox  
1326 - West 2nd St  
Okla City  
Okla

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1326-2nd St  
Albany  
Ga



Mr Lloyd Barber  
Leavenworth  
Kansas.

17243

4.

Box #7

Mr Lloyd Baker.

Dear Dad: I guess you thought that you would never hear from me again but I have sure been busy for the past month. I have been up in Texas for the last month, with a friend who is down with it. And he has just been admitted to the veterans hospital at Santa Fe, New Mex. He is a doctor and I have known him for nearly all my life. I guess it is better to write late than never, isn't it?

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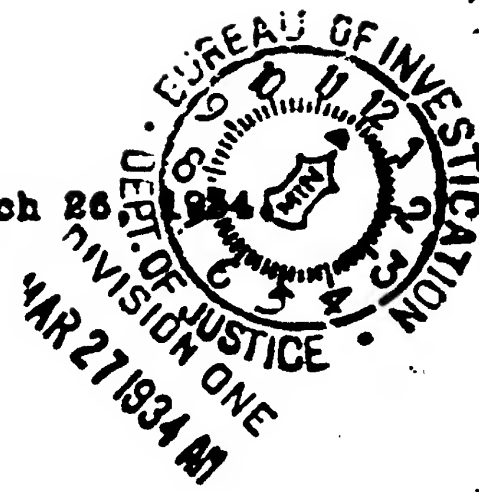
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

HHC:TAM

March 24, 1934

MR. NATHAN  
MR. TOLSON  
MR. CLEGG  
MR. COWLEY  
MR. EDWARDS  
MR. EGAN  
MR. QUINN  
MR. LESTER  
MR. LOCKE  
MR. RORER

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

*Edward*

Mr. Tamm telephoned concerning the Bremer Kidnaping Case. He was in receipt of a letter from the Division asking that William P. Gempp be interviewed. Gempp had written Mr. Keenan that he could put the Department in touch with one of the Bremer kidnapers. Gempp is now being held at Wheeling, West Virginia on a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act charge. His story is to the effect that after his recent sentence to Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, he was placed in charge of the ice boxes in the institution and had control of the milk and eggs; that in this position he was able to furnish milk and eggs to different prisoners and gain their friendship. One of those prisoners was Elmer Boucher, #936, serving as a ~~tax violator~~ *income tax violator*. He asked that prisoner Jack Kusick or Quisick or some similar name, from Chicago, serving an income tax violation sentence, be given milk and eggs as a courtesy. Evidently Gempp did so, for upon leaving, Boucher stated that he could put him in touch with the "right guys"; that they were in control of the dope racket in New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania, and one of the members of this gang was in on the Bremer Kidnaping Case. Gempp further claimed that Elmer Boucher told him about the proposed kidnaping of Bremer five days before the kidnaping occurred, and stated that Doc Barker would be one of those in the group of violators. Gempp requested that he be returned to Lewisburg, where he believes he can get additional information from Boucher.

I inquired of Mr. Tamm as to when this interview was conducted and learned it was conducted this morning. Of course Gempp has been in a position to read the papers as to the recent announcement by the Department. Tamm further stated that Gempp has a long criminal record and is the "world's worst liar". Tamm doesn't understand how Gempp happens to be out of the Penitentiary, but is having a check made on this, since it was indicated that probably the Marshal was drunk and Gempp may be an escape. Tamm has instructed the Agent not to go back to Gempp as in the jail where he is being kept there are rather poor facilities and he might make an escape if he is permitted to leave the cell for conference purposes. Mr. Tamm suggested that Elmer Boucher's record be obtained from the Lewisburg Penitentiary for determination as to whether he should be interviewed further concerning this matter.

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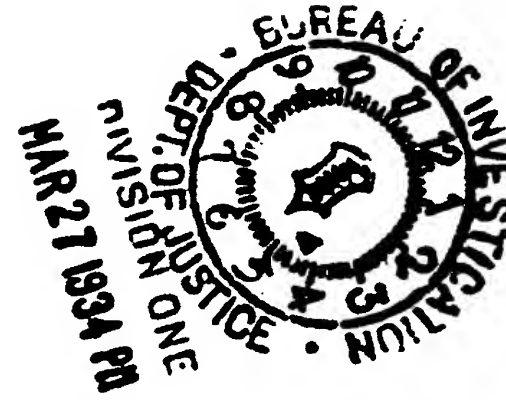
Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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San Antonio, Texas.  
March 24, 1934.

J. A. Dowd  
Division of Investigation  
US Department of Justice  
503-a US Court House & P O  
Salt Lake City Utah

Brekid Henry Hull former member Karpis Barker gang now confined  
Texas Penitentiary advises that the Barker gang has contact man  
Reno named Graham who is prominent business man there He aids  
them in disposing securities and changing money Also that this  
gang had one time occupied private residence on Pueblo Street Reno  
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Graham unknown exact address house unknown Report mailed today

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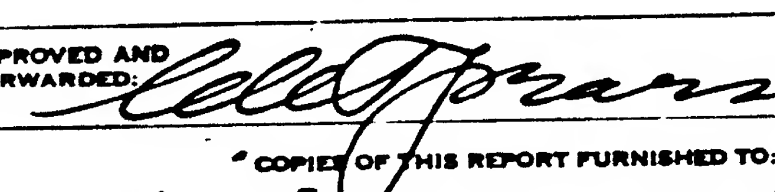
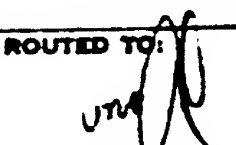
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REPORT MADE AT: <b>Portland, Oregon</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3-22-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3-21-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>C. C. Spears</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; ARTHUR BARKER, with aliases; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>Kidnaping</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <p>Pertinent information relative to Edward W. Bentz, possible suspect in this case, as obtained from files in the Portland office set forth herein on request of Division to the end that exhaustive search will be made to locate Bentz. Edward Bentz, Theodore Bentz, Verna Bentz, wife of Ed Bentz, and Christina Dawson, sweetheart of Theodore Bentz, reported as having left Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on or about March 11, 1934, for intended visit to Bentz's mother on West Coast. All peace officers this district notified to be on lookout for these parties.</p> <p>P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Division letter dated March 13, 1934.</p> <p>DETAILS:  The reference letter instructs the Portland office to prepare a report dealing exclusively with Edward W. Bentz, with aliases, and his known associates and to distribute copies of this report to each field office of the Division for its information. This action was requested by the Division to the end that an exhaustive search will be made for Edward W. Bentz, who is wanted in numerous places on bank robbery charges, and in view of the fact that he is a possible suspect in the kidnaping racket.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>7-576-1425</b> BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION <b>MAR 27 1934 A M</b> DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ROUTED TO:  FILE	
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The writer made a thorough review of all files available in this office in which Edward W. Bentz is mentioned, and the following pertinent information concerning this individual is set forth:

NAME AND ALIASES

Edward Wilhelm Bentz appears to be the true name of this individual. He has been known to have used the following aliases:

E. R. Richards  
E. R. Ronaldson  
Arthur Desmond  
Jack C. Kearns  
Francis K. Beckman  
Ned Rowland Dewey  
George Fairchild  
E. N. Benz  
Miles Dannecher  
Fred Williams  
Fred R. Thompson  
Francis Dewey  
G. B. Banier  
G. B. Renier  
Fred Wendel

DESCRIPTION

(Best available composite description as taken from files and persons who have observed Bentz)

Age	39
Color	White
Height	5' 11"
Weight	About 220
Build	Muscular
Hair	Light chestnut (may now be wearing dark brown wig and mustache)
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Florid

Nationality American  
Marital Status Wife, Verna Bantz, nee Freimark  
F.P.C. 21 13 Rr Ref. 29  
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Marks and Scars Large mole in front of left ear;  
                  small flesh mole left side nose;  
                  scar at root of nose;  
                  partly blind in right eye;  
                  oblique scar 3d phalanx middle finger  
                  left hand;  
                  oblique scar 2d joint index finger  
                  left hand, outer;  
                  horizontal scar 3d phalanx little finger  
                  left hand;  
                  scar 3d phalanx middle finger right hand,  
                  inner;  
                  scar 3d joint middle finger right hand,  
                  outer;  
                  shot scar left leg, limps slightly;  
                  shot scar calf, right leg.

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(As furnished by the Division under date of  
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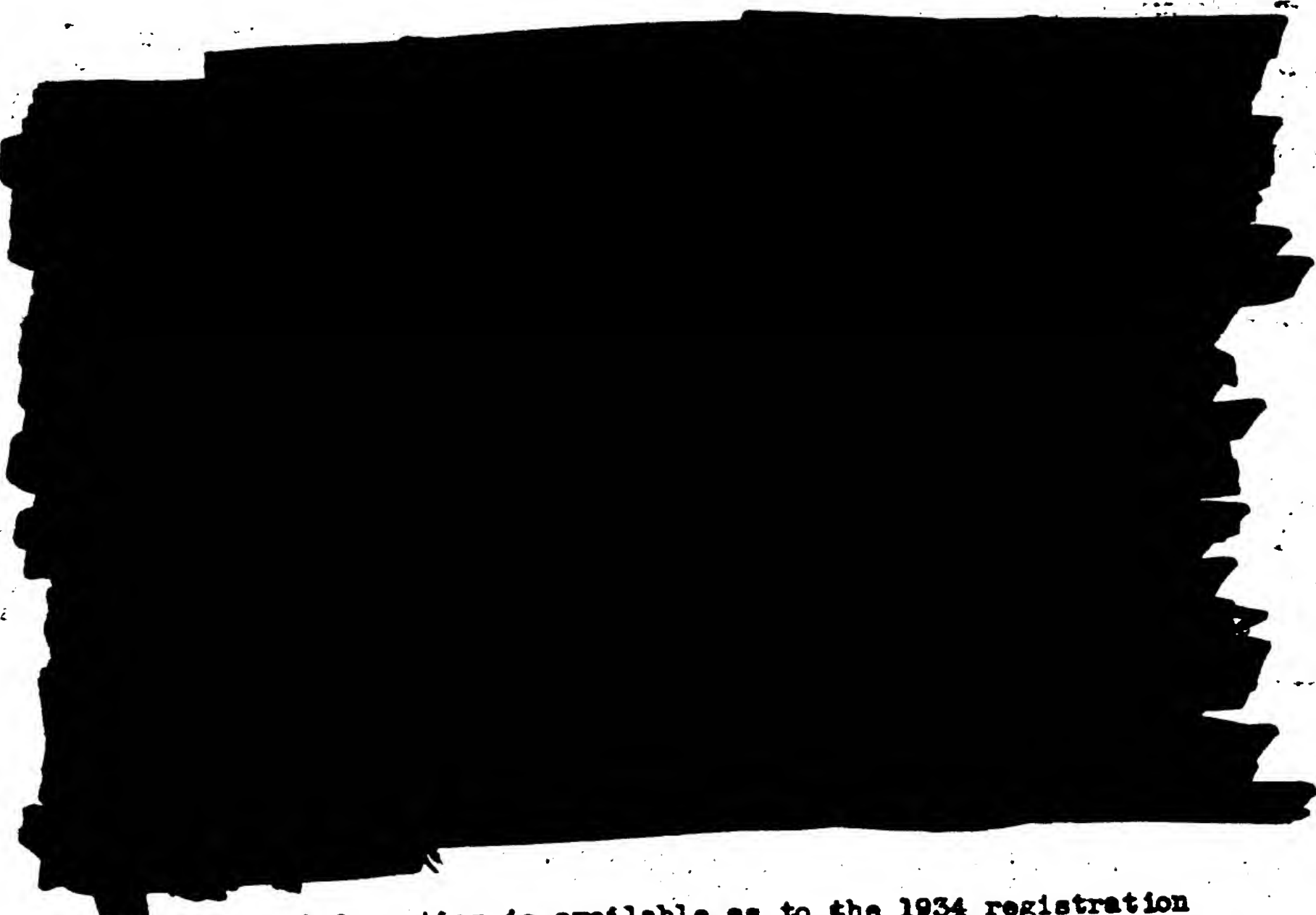
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GENERAL INFORMATION.

According to information contained in report of Special Agent W. Carter Baum, dated March 13, 1934, at Chicago, Illinois in the instant case, it appears that Edward W. Bentz has been identified as having resided at 7515 Kingston Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, between August 28, 1933 and December 29, 1933. He is reported to have used the name of Fred Wendel and his wife resided at the same address with him. This was no doubt Verna Bentz, nee Freimark, and she was described as being 5 feet 5 or 6 inches in height, weight 115 lbs., slender build, hair dirty ash blond, blue eyes, no peculiarities noted. While at this apartment, Bentz and his wife had a small Pekingese dog. Bentz and his wife checked out at the above address on December 29, 1933, and investigation failed to develop any information as to where they went. This is the last known address of Edward W. Bentz, according to information available at this office.



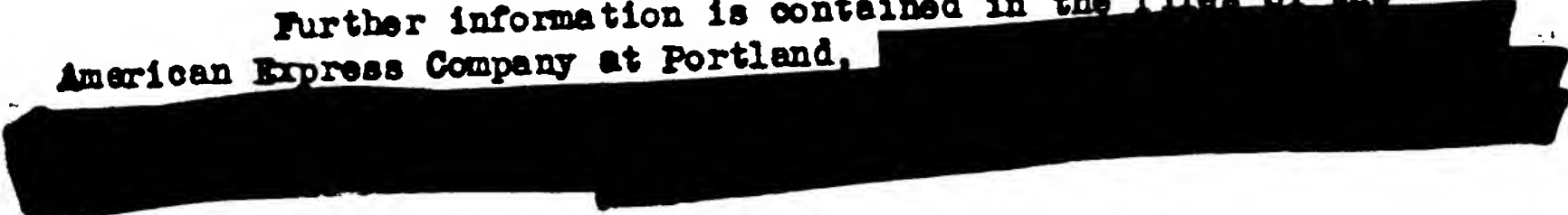
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No information is available as to the 1934 registration of the Lincoln Sedan in which these parties are alleged to be traveling, and on March 21, 1934, a telegram was dispatched to the Chicago office suggesting that contact be had with G. B. Plowman of the American Express Company for the purpose of securing full details relative to the alleged travel of Edward Bentz, et al, from South Milwaukee, Wisconsin to the West Coast, and to endeavor to ascertain the motor number of the Lincoln Sedan for the purpose of ascertaining the 1934 registration of same. A telegram was likewise dispatched to the San Francisco office to contact G. B. Viets, Special Agent of the American Express Company at San Francisco to obtain full information available there and to assist in locating the Bentz brothers.

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Further information is contained in the files of the American Express Company at Portland,



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It should be stated that in October, 1933, one Neal Cashman, 6439 N.E. 32d Avenue, Portland, formerly brother-in-law of Edward Bentz, reported to the Portland Police Department that he had seen Edward Bentz in Portland for a few minutes and had conversed with him briefly, after which he observed that Edward Bentz departed from the down town district of Portland in a large dark blue sedan which he believed was a Lincoln. At this time he reported that Edward Bentz was wearing a dark brown wig and mustache. This information relative to the Lincoln Sedan coincides with the reported information as to Edward Bentz, et al, leaving Milwaukee, on March 11th in a Lincoln Sedan. However, attention is invited to the information obtained by Agent Baum and reported in his report of March 13, 1934, at Chicago, indicating that Ed Bentz and his wife, on their arrival at 7515 Kingston Avenue, Chicago, drove a 1930 model A Ford Coach equipped with a trailer and a large quantity of personal effects. Persons interviewed believed that this car bore an Illinois license. Further, that just before Christmas, 1933, he drove up to the apartment in an Essex Terraplane which he claimed belonged to his brother. This was a new 1933 model Essex Terraplane which was black in color. It is noted that the St. Louis office is requested in report of Special Agent Baum to check all registrations in the state of Illinois for 1933 and 1934 to determine whether Bentz registered a Model A Ford car or an Essex Terraplane similar to those described as having been in his possession during the past winter at Chicago.

In the event any information is developed by the St. Louis or Chicago offices as to the registration of an automobile to Edward or Theodore Bentz, it is requested that telegraphic notification be made to this office and to the Los Angeles and San Francisco offices, in order that a description of the car may be broadcast to all state, county and city peace officers.

It is believed, from examining the files of the Portland office, that this office does not have available all information reflecting investigations of the activities of Edward and Theodore Bentz and if upon reviewing the instant report there is additional material information available to other districts concerning Edward Bentz and Theodore Bentz, it is requested that same be reported immediately to all offices of the Division.

Photographs of Edward W. Bentz, Seattle PD #8894, were furnished all offices of the Division by this office with letter dated August 21, 1933, in the George Kelly Barnes Kidnaping case. This letter of August 21st was directed to the Division, copies with photographs attached being routed to all offices.

Theodore E. Bentz is described as follows:

Name	Theodore E. Bentz, alias Ted Bentz		
Age	31		
Height	5' 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "		
Weight	218		
Build	Heavy		
Eyes	Light blue		
Hair	Light chestnut		
Complexion	Fair		
Color	White		
Nationality	American		
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Christina Dawson, alias Chrissie, who is traveling with Edward and Theodore Bentz, is described as follows:

Age	28
Height	5' 6"
Weight	125
Build	Medium
Eyes	Blue-grey
Hair	Light brown, reddish tint
Complexion	Medium
Nationality	Scotch
Color	White
Occupation	Tailoress
Criminal Record	None known
	Recently a resident of Vancouver, B. C.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS.

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE: It is requested that the San Francisco office contact E. B. Viets, Special Agent, American Express Company, and conduct such investigation as is necessary to cover relatives of the Bentz brothers in San Francisco in connection with the reported intended visit of the Bentz brothers, Verna Bentz and Christina Dawson in San Francisco. Will also verify information that Anna Bentz, alias Anna Gallow, has moved from 1431 Steiner Street, San Francisco, to 1245 66th Street, Los Angeles. Will also contact E. A. Hansley, Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, for any recent information developed through his organization.

CHICAGO OFFICE: The Chicago office is currently conducting investigation to develop information pertaining to the Bentz brothers in Chicago and South Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It is suggested that the matter of discreetly securing information through George Bentz, 7124 Belden Avenue, Chicago, be given thorough consideration in view of persistent information furnished that George Bentz is in contact with his brothers.

PORTLAND OFFICE: This office will continue its contacts at Tacoma, Washington for possible information through relatives of the Bentz brothers and the various law enforcement officials in Seattle and Tacoma who are maintaining a vigilant watch for them, and for any information of value.

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Addendum:

Since the above was written, the Chicago office advised telegraphically that the Bentz party is believed to be traveling in a blue or black Lincoln Sedan of new appearance and that the car may bear 1934 Indiana license #410864. This information was forwarded the San Francisco office by telegram on March 22d and was broadcast by Police bulletins throughout Oregon and Washington the same date.



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San Francisco, California  
March 22, 1934.

W. A. RORER  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
203 POSTOFFICE BLDG.  
ST. PAUL, MINN.

BB 1527

BREKID NINETEEN THIRTY THREE TWELVE CYLINDER AUBURN SEDAN BLUE BODY WITH HOOD GREY  
ON TOP AND GREY CANVAS TOP SIX WIRE WHEELS MOTOR BB FIFTEEN TWO SEVEN PURCHASED SAN  
FRANCISCO OCTOBER NINTH LAST YEAR BY WILLIAM B. LOHMAN. VOLNEY DAVIS POSITIVELY  
IDENTIFIED AS ONE OF PURCHASERS. ARTHUR BAKER BELIEVED TO BE ANOTHER.

MONTGOMERY ACTING.

Charge: GOVT RATE.  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
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March 25, 1934

JOHN A. DOWD,  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
803 A U. S. Court House and P. O. Building,  
Salt Lake City, Utah

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS ROY FRISCH VICTIM KIDNAPPING STOP MAN ANSWERING DESCRIPTION  
VICTIM CONTACTED GRAHAM YESTERDAY SEND PHOTO OF VICTIM GRAHAM HAS RESERVATIONS  
FOR REID TONIGHT WILL ADVISE IF AND WHEN HE LEAVES.

MONTGOMERY ACTING

Charge:  
Government rate  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
318 Hewes Building,  
San Francisco, California

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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J. G. WILLEVER

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San Francisco, California.  
March 25, 1934.

J. A. Dowd  
503A U. S. Court House & Postoffice Bldg.  
Salt Lake City  
Utah.

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS ROY FRISCH VICTIM KIDNAPPING STOP GRAHAM AND WIFE LEFT SOUTHERN PACIFIC SIX OCLOCK TRAIN TONITE FOR RENO OCCUPYING LOWER THREE CAR EIGHTY FOUR STOP RECEIVED THOUSAND DOLLARS TELEGRAM MONEY ORDER YESTERDAY NO IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS.

Charge: GOVT RATE.  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
518 Hewes Bldg.  
S.C. Division.

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THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

P.O.Box 515, St.Paul, Minn.

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March 26, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
503-a Court House & P.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
VIOLA IAC.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30

Please forward to me all exhibits and particularly handwriting specimens of persons involved in this case which are mentioned in the report of Special Agent A.H. Gere, dated 3-22-34, at Salt Lake City.

Very truly yours,

S.A. NORM, INSPECTOR.

WAR:TC  
CC Division ✓  
CC Chicago

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P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

March 25, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
P.O. Box 536,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30

In confirmation of the wire to your office, today, in the above entitled matter, it is requested that a check be made of the hotels at Tia Juana, Mexico, and the place covering the Agua Caliente race tracks. It is requested that you give continual attention to covering the races just over the Mexican border and also any horse racing which, in the immediate future, may begin in your district.

Very truly yours,

W.A. ROGER, INSPECTOR.

WAR:TC

CC Division  
CC San Francisco  
CC Salt Lake City

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Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 28, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim. KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File 7-30

Dear Sir:

Please furnish this office the best available descriptions from the files in your office of MRS. KATE BARKER, with aliases; DOROTHY SLAYMAN, Tulsa Police Department #3012; JOHAN ALKOUR, Tulsa Police Department #3010; BILLIE FITCH, Tulsa Police Department #6896; MICKEY KIAN SMITH and MADELYN SNYDER, no police numbers being available on the latter two.

These descriptions are desired for use in a summary report now being prepared in this case and it is requested that you give this matter your early attention.

Very truly yours,

RTH:EM  
CC Division

W.A. RORER, Inspector.

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Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 28, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Ill.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim. KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File 7-50

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish this office with the best  
available descriptions of JERELL JOHNSON; DOROTHY DODD and  
LEOTA GRAHAM, these parties being mentioned in letter from the  
Chicago office to the Salt Lake City office under date of  
March 24, 1934.

These descriptions are desired for use in  
a summary report now being prepared in this case and it is re-  
quested that you give this matter your early attention.

Very truly yours,

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CC Division

W.A. RORER, Inspector.

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P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 26, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING, St. Paul file 7-30.

Attached hereto is a memorandum submitted to the Jacksonville office by Special Agent R. L. Main. Please conduct investigation at Lawsonia, Wisconsin. I can not find this place listed in the Postal Guide but it is possible that inquiry in the vicinity of Oakkosh may locate a place with a similar name. In view of the fact that Oakkosh is misspelled, it is possible that Lawsonia is also misspelled.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED BY SPECIAL AGENT W. F. TRAINOR:

IN RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

During a review of the data in the instant kidnaping case and in connection with the case of Vernon C. Miller (Deceased) Et Al - Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, it has been noted that "J. Stanley Smith", which is thought to be an alias used by a man possibly identical with Arthur R. Barker, resided at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, during the first half of June 1933. While there he lived with a woman who has been identified by photograph as Paula Harmon, widow of Curtis P. Harmon (formerly reported Charles B. Harmon). Thomas Newman, attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota, was offered as a reference by "J. Stanley Smith" when the premises at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, were rented late in May 1933. When interviewed on several occasions Newman has obviously evaded any truthful statement in connection with his dealings with "J. Stanley Smith". He did state, however, that he had written some letters for Smith to one John Bovard, Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri, in connection with the collection of a promissory note due from Bovard. Also Newman informed that "J. Stanley Smith" was reported to be employed by the Consolidated Metal Company, of St. Louis, Missouri.

Originally the St. Louis Office made investigation of this statement by Newman, which is reflected in the report of Special Agent O. G. Hall, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, July 27, 1933, in the Kansas City massacre case. The St. Louis Office was unable to locate anyone in that district who might be identical with the John Bovard in question. The Kansas City Office was informed by the St. Louis Office, through a copy of letter written by the St. Louis Office to the St. Paul Office, July 10, 1933, in the massacre case, that it is probable that the John Bovard in question might reside in Kansas City, although there was no definite basis for investigation shown in this district.

In the report of Special Agent C. B. Winstead, dated at Dallas, Texas, in the instant kidnaping case, February 27, 1934, it is shown that the telephone of Paula Harmon at Beaumont, Texas, was used on October 11, 1932 to call "Stonewell J. Smith", Houston, Texas. "Stonewell J. Smith" is shown to reside at Farmersville, Texas and to operate what is known at the Federated Metal Company, handling type and stereotype metals.

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The Kansas City, Missouri city directories list two Bovard families - one is that of John C, who is shown to be deceased

and formerly the head of the John C. Bovard Printing Company, 809 Baltimore Avenue. The other is the family of John H. Bovard, who formerly operated a coal business and maintained an office in the Wialto Building here. It appeared that there might be facts of possible significance in the above in view of the use of similar names "J. Stanley Smith" and "Stonewell J. Smith", and the "Federated Metal Company" and the "Consolidated Metal Company" and further, in view of the alleged business dealings with one John Bovard on the part of Smith, as it appears that the Bovard in question might be connected with the printing trade in which the Federated Metal Company is said to be interested.

There is no "Consolidated Metal Company" or "Federated Metal Company" located in Kansas City, Missouri.

Interview was had with Mrs. Estella Bovard, widow of John C. Bovard, who is now the proprietor of the John C. Bovard Printing Company, 809 Baltimore Avenue. With her is associated Mr. Joseph Bovard, her son, who was also interviewed. These individuals were questioned as to any business dealings which they might have had with anyone named "J. Stanley Smith", "Stonewell J. Smith" or "Thomas Newman", who are mentioned herein. They stated that they have no knowledge whatever of any such dealings, and that they do not owe and have not owed a note to anyone who might be identical with either of the Smiths or Newman, or any client of Thomas Newman. Mrs. Bovard informed Agent that her husband has been dead for the past two years and that, of course, he had business dealings of which she knew nothing as she did not undertake a business career until after his death. Joseph Bovard has not engaged actively in the business until the past year, and therefore would not have an insight into his father's affairs. Both of these individuals stated, however, that they would be aware of any communications which might have been received as late as June 1933 in connection with any claim such as is mentioned by Newman.

These individuals appeared cooperative and promised that in the event they ever discovered any facts which might bear a relationship to the matter in question they would inform this office. They advised that John H. Bovard, former coal dealer of Kansas City, is a very wealthy man and for the past two years has been non compos mentis and is now expected to die any day. He has a guardian named Miss Minnie Jones, who has been his secretary for years, and she would be in a position to furnish full information in regard to his business transactions or any claims which have been placed against him. Mrs. Bovard further informed that to her knowledge there are but about 20 families of that name in the United States and that most of the Bovards are related in some way. She stated that there are some Bovards in St. Louis, Chicago and Los Angeles. Mrs. Estella Bovard and Joseph Bovard both stated that they had never heard of the Federated Metal Company or Consolidated Metal Company, and they did not know of any business dealings ever had by their company with such concerns.

Miss Minnie Jones was interviewed at her office, 614 Grand Avenue Temple Building. She stated that if the estate of John H. Bovard had ever been charged with any claims such as the one mentioned she would certainly know of it and that she is unable to furnish any information whatever in connection with such communications as mentioned by Thomas Newman. After full discussion with her of the possibilities of business connections by John H. Bovard with anyone named "Stonewell J. Smith" or "J. Stanley Smith" it was determined that no information is available through her or the estate of John H. Bovard in this connection.

It is suggested that investigation be conducted by the Dallas Office to fully determine the connections of Paula Harmon with "Stonewell J. Smith", who is said to reside at Farmersville, Texas. It is noted that Paula Harmon several years ago used the alias Mrs. J. Stanley Smith, and it is probable that from her the man who resided at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, received that alias.

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Respectfully submitted:

cc - Division (2) ✓  
St. Louis (2)  
St. Paul (2)  
Dallas (2)

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

KPC:J.

MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER.

March 24, 1934.

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT

To Mr. W. A. Rorer, St. Paul Office.

YOUR LETTER MARCH THREE FURNISH IF POSSIBLE FINGERPRINT CLASSIFICATIONS  
JAMES WILSON AND WILLIAM JONES SAINT PAUL POLICE ARRESTS

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March 26, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
311 Hurley-Wright Building,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above entitled case, you are requested to obtain from the Department of the Interior topographical maps of the following counties:

ILLINOIS

Lake

McHenry

MINNESOTA

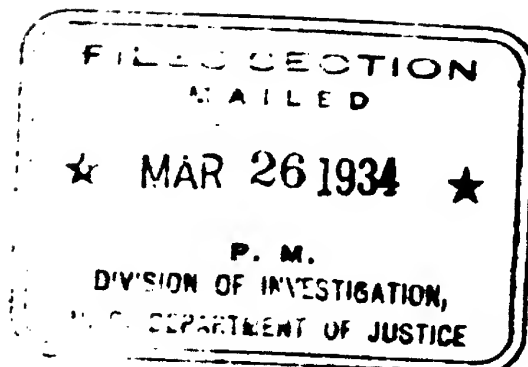
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Ramsay  
Winona

WISCONSIN

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Dane  
Juneau  
Kenosha

La Crosse  
Monroe  
Racine  
Rock  
Walworth



In the event the Department of the Interior does not possess extra copies of topographical maps of the above counties, arrangements should be made to borrow the maps in their possession and have copies of same prepared by the Equipment Section of the Division. This matter should receive your immediate attention.

Very truly yours,  
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cc-W. A. Rorer

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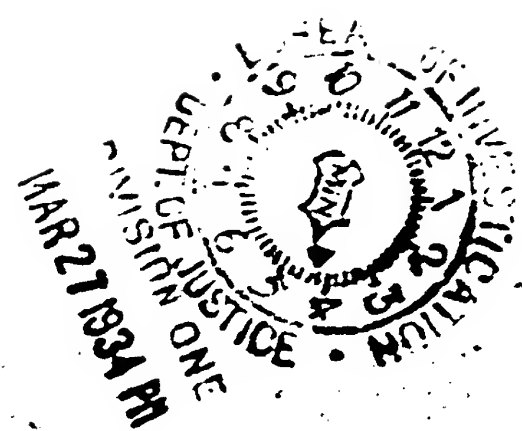
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Special Agent in Charge  
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Post Office Box 515  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication dated March 20, 1934, please be advised that a very careful search has been made of the records in this office, the Detroit Police Department and at the Sheriff's office in the City of Detroit and we fail to find the name of ~~EVERY CHAMPLIN~~ or CHAMPLAN who, it is alleged, is a member of the "Purple Gang."

For your further information, please be advised that this office has a very complete list of names of gangsters known in Detroit which includes members and alleged members of the Detroit "Purple Gang" and this list does not contain the above mentioned name.

Special Agent L. D. Socoy also contacted Lieutenant John Hoffman of the Special Investigation Squad, Detroit Police Department, who is acquainted with a great many gangsters in Detroit and he advised that he has never heard of a person named Champlin as being connected with the "Purple Gang" or any other outfit.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

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March 21, 1934.

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MR. CLEGG	
MR. COWLEY	✓
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MR. EGAN	
MR. QUINN	
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MR. LOCKE	
MR. RORER	

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

While talking to Mr. Rorer on another matter he advised that they had secured a lead which looked a little promising; that a woman from Waukesha, Wisconsin, had made a trip to St. Paul and had given them certain information which is being checked at the present time. Mr. Rorer will call the Division if anything of importance develops.

*about the House where Bremer was held*

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.



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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
March 19, 1934

MR. NATHAN	_____
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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice, Personal and Confidential  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al;  
Edward George Bremer - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

With reference to a conversation with Mr. S. P. Cowley of the Division on the night of March 15, 1934 concerning the statement appearing in newspaper articles to the effect that latent fingerprints of certain suspects in the Bremer Kidnap case had been found on oil cans on the route alleged to have been taken by the kidnapers when they delivered Bremer to his home, I have to advise you as follows:

I was absent from the office on March 14th and 15th, having left here the night of the 13th, and returned late on the night of the 15th. I had been in Arkansas on official matters. Special Agent Paul Hansen was in charge of the office in my absence. While in Little Rock I received a telephone communication from Mr. Hansen and while there I also talked to Mr. Cowley of the Division. On the occasion of both of these conversations I had been informed of the raid in Osage County, on the morning of the 15th, which resulted in the arrest of Glenn Roy Wright and others. I was cognizant that we were seeking Glenn Roy Wright and Agent Hollis had been making efforts for sometime to locate him in that area, together with Harry Campbell.

I had been most circumspect in informing the Agents of this office that they should be most discreet in discussing with anyone the suspects in this case and the reason for the inquiries. To many of the Agents I had not even divulged the full particulars in the matter. Mr. Hollis did know that latent fingerprints had been found on certain oil cans.

I discussed with Agent Hansen the matter of the statement appearing in the newspapers relative to the latent fingerprints. He has prepared a memorandum for me concerning this matter, copies of which are attached hereto.

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I communicated with Special Agent Hollis at Tulsa by telephone the night of the 15th. He informed me that he had not divulged that information to any newspaper men, or to anyone.

The inquiries mentioned above were communicated to the Division, together with the fact that Agent Hansen said he had received a telephone call from a man by the name of Shipley, representing the Minneapolis Tribune. Thereafter Mr. Cowley of the Division communicated with me by phone and said that Agents at Minneapolis had interviewed Shipley and he had said that he had obtained the information through telephonic communications on the 15th with a man by the name of Burkes of the Tulsa World, or with the jailer or deputy sheriff at Sapulpa, Oklahoma. I also talked to Inspector Rorer at St. Paul concerning this matter and he, as well as Mr. Cowley, informed me that the newspaper men at Minneapolis had said the information concerning the latent fingerprints found on the cans had come via "newspaper grapevine" from Oklahoma. Mr. Cowley told me that it was the Director's instructions that I proceed to Tulsa and Sapulpa in an effort to obtain all the particulars concerning this matter.

At Sapulpa I interviewed A. B. Holderby, County Jailer, who said that sometime probably around noon of March 15th, he received a telephone call from some person who said he was a newspaper man in Minneapolis and wanted to know about the arrests made that morning, and whether Barker and Karpis were arrested. He said he told the newspaper man that he didn't believe they were, but if he wanted any information concerning the arrests, he should obtain it from the Sheriff's office, which was down stairs and that he transferred the call, through the operator, to the Sheriff's office. Holderby stated that this man calling him didn't give any name and that he is certain that he made no mention whatever of latent fingerprints, or fingerprints of any kind. Holderby told me that he didn't know anything about any fingerprints being found on cans and that he didn't know any such item had appeared in the newspapers until I mentioned it to him. From Holderby's appearance I do not doubt for one moment that he is telling the truth.

I interviewed Gordon Morriss, Undersheriff at Sapulpa, who remains in the office practically all of the day. Morriss said that sometime about noon on the 15th, probably shortly before noon, a person called him and said he was with the Minneapolis Tribune, but did not give any name, and stated that he wanted to know who was arrested by the officers that morning; that he read the names of the persons arrested and that this individual then asked him whether Karpis and Barker were arrested and he told him "No." Morriss said that no mention was made by this individual about fingerprints of any kind. Morriss stated that he did not know until he read in the

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newspapers that any latent fingerprints had been found anywhere in the investigation of the Bremer Kidnap case. Mr. Morris said that Agent Hollis had never discussed the matter with him. Morris told me that if any man said that he had made the statement, or given out any information to the effect that latent fingerprints were found on any cans, that the person making such a statement "is a liar." Morris told me that he is the only person in the office that day who talked with any newspaper men.

I talked to Sheriff Willis Strange, Sapulpa, who stated that he didn't talk with any newspaper men at Minneapolis on the 15th, or at any other time, and that he did not know until he read in the newspapers that any latent fingerprints had been found on oil cans in connection with the investigation of the Bremer case. He stated that Agent Hollis had never discussed this matter with him.

I interviewed Ed Burkes, City Editor of the Tulsa World (newspaper), who stated that on the 15th of March he talked two or three times to a man by the name of Shipley of the Minneapolis Tribune; that on one occasion on the 15th when he talked to Shipley by telephone, he told Shipley to call the Sheriff's office for information concerning the arrests made that morning. He stated that he did not tell Shipley that day anything about any latent fingerprints having been found on cans. He was asked whether he had heard prior to the newspaper story that latent fingerprints had been found on any cans and he stated that he had heard that ten days or more ago. He was asked the source of his information and stated, "I do not know where I got it." He was questioned further concerning it and said that he probably obtained it from some of the "boys" around the office. I asked him what he meant by boys and he said some of the reporters. He was asked to name some of the reporters specifically, but said he couldn't remember. He was asked if he had obtained it from Agent Hollis, or any representative of this Division, and he told me that he had not. Very little satisfaction could be obtained from Burkes. It was apparent that he was hedging and did not care particularly to discuss this matter at any great length.

Agent Hollis informed me that while he was at the Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, where he had gone to accompany the officers to take some of these prisoners, he received a long distance telephone call from a newspaper man by the name of William Voight, who is the Associated Press representative at Tulsa; that Voight asked him if the primary purpose of the raid that morning was to effect the arrest of Karpis and Barker, who were suspected in the Bremer case, and that he told him such was not the case. He stated that that was the extent of the inquiry made of him by Voight.



I interviewed William Voight at Tulsa, who seems to be a straightforward young man, although still a newspaper man, and he spoke in the highest terms of the Division; of how he had met several of the Division's representatives during the Urachel investigation and trial. He told me that Agent Hollis had never informed him that any latent fingerprints had been found on any cans during the investigation of the Bremer case, nor had any other representative of this Division given him this information, but that he had heard Burkes say ten days or so ago that he had information to this effect, however, Burkes did not tell him the source from which he had obtained it. Voight told me specifically that he had not written any article, or dispatched any news item during the day of the 15th to any point concerning any latent fingerprints. He said that sometime about 2:00 P.M. on the 15th he received a query from the Associated Press representative in Minneapolis or St. Paul for full particulars concerning the raid that morning and later in the day, just a short time thereafter, he received a request from the Associated Press in Kansas City to follow up the story of the raid that morning, particularly in connection with the Bremer case, and to play the lead strongly. He stated that in this dispatch from Kansas City some mention had been made of the fingerprint item, but that he replied that he felt that it was false and that after it appeared in the papers that evening (March 15th), he wrote a story under a Mannford date line for the morning papers circulated by the Associated Press and made mention of the latent fingerprint situation. Voight said that he was present at the raid on the morning of the 15th; that Hollis had not apprised him of it, nor had he invited him to go along. Voight attempted to impress me with his sincerity in an effort to assist as much as possible in this matter, if we would not divulge any information that he might furnish. He stated to me that it was his impression that the story relative to latent prints had emanated from Minneapolis or St. Paul. He informed me that he believed he could obtain the source of the information from Ed Burkes and that, if he did, he would furnish me therewith.

Several days ago when this office was making considerable investigation in and around Tulsa in an effort to obtain the names and addresses of the associates of Karper and Barkis, particularly information that might result in the apprehension of Harry Campbell and Glenn Roy Wright, I assigned Agents Sorola and Birch to assist Agent Hollis. These Agents were specifically instructed not to divulge to anyone why the Division was seeking any of these persons.

It was learned during the course of these inquiries that Glenn Roy Wright has a brother, Harold Wright, employed at the Tulsa World as a

deliveryman out of Tulsa. Agent Birch talked to E. G. Henthorne, the Editor of the World, relative to Harold Wright. I interviewed Mr. Henthorne, who stated that Agent Birch did talk to him about this matter and that he offered every cooperation and assistance possible in locating Glenn Roy Wright through his brother, but that Agent Birch made no mention whatever of fingerprints of any kind. Mr. Henthorne stated, however, that sometime ago he heard some mention in the editorial room about fingerprints in connection with the investigation of the Bremer case, the details of which he couldn't remember, possibly he said that he heard some prints had been found on some cans, but that he paid very little attention to it.

L. W. McFetridge, Circulation Manager of the Tulsa World, stated that Agent Birch talked to him about Harold Wright, but made no mention of fingerprints or why he wanted to get in touch with Glenn Roy Wright. McFetridge said he didn't know anything about the latent fingerprint story until he read it in the newspaper.

Richard Maher, City Editor of the Tulsa World, was interviewed and said that about ten days or two weeks ago he heard that some fingerprints of someone, he thought Doc Barker, had been found on some gasoline cans abandoned by the kidnapers of Bremer; that he does not know where he heard it, but he thought it was from some of the "boys" around the office, but could not name any specific individual who might have told him this. He stated that on Thursday, March 15th, someone from the Minneapolis Tribune called him by phone and wanted to know all about the parties arrested in the raid that morning, but that in this conversation no mention was made of any fingerprints and that the inquiry was solely for the purpose of the identity of the persons arrested.

Walter Biscup, reporter of the Tulsa World, stated that on February 11, 1934 the Sheriff's office at Tulsa received a wire from the Police Department at St. Paul wanting the fingerprints and photograph of Harry Campbell and that he wrote a short story about it; that there was no mention in this story about any latent fingerprints on any gasoline cans, and that he did not know of this fact until he read it in the papers on March 15th. Biscup is a very intelligent young man, with an engaging personality, but crafty, and still a newspaper man.

J. Nelson Taylor, a reporter of the Tulsa World, was interviewed and stated that several days ago he saw Agent Birch there and that he talked with Birch about Glenn Roy Wright and Harold Wright, as at one time he had lived in the home of Mrs. Wright in Tulsa, but that at no time during his conversation with Birch did he mention fingerprints or why Glenn Roy Wright was wanted. He did state that he had not discussed

this subject with any other representative of this Division. He told me that he did not know anything about any latent fingerprints having been found on any cans until he had read it in the newspapers. I doubt very much that Taylor is telling the truth, for he appeared to be hedging as much as possible and he, of course, is a newspaper man.

I talked to Agent Birch about this matter and he told me that he did not tell anyone about any fingerprints having been found on any gasoline cans for the reason that he did not know it until he had read it in the newspapers.

Agent Paulson, an accountant, has been in Tulsa for sometime under subpoena and I discussed this matter with him, but he told me that he was not aware of the fact that any latent fingerprints had been found until he read it in the newspapers.

Agent Sorola, now assigned to the New Orleans office, has not been interviewed in respect to this matter.

Agent Hollis is preparing a memorandum for me concerning the subject matter of inquiry.

I am obtaining newspapers in Oklahoma City and Tulsa in which this story appeared.

On the night of March 17th I talked to Mr. Cowley of the Division concerning this matter and he stated that Ed Burkes is a Vice President of the National Newspaper Guild and that there was a convention of this organization in Washington sometime ago and that Burkes might have obtained the information there. I talked to William Voight about this convention and he said that the convention referred to was held prior to the kidnaping of Bremer.

On the afternoon of March 18th, I received a telephone call from Mr. Clegg of the Division in which he stated he had before him an item under the McAlester, Oklahoma date line of March 16th of the International News Service to the effect that Agent Hollis, who accompanied some officers and some prisoners to the Penitentiary at McAlester, had disclosed for the first time that the purpose of the raid was to effect the apprehension of Barker and Alvin Karpis and that some persons arrested were close associates of the suspects and that this item indicated a direct quotation of Agent Hollis. Mr. Clegg instructed that all information concerning the same be obtained.

I learned that Fred Riseling, 1606 North Robinson, Oklahoma City, is the local representative of the International News Service. He did not

know the representative at McAlester, but said that W. J. Good of Kansas City is the district manager and that he would know the representative at McAlester. I asked Mr. Conroy at Kansas City to obtain from Good the representative's name at McAlester and he stated that he is E. N. Martel.

I dispatched Agents Paul Hansen and L. M. Chipman the night of March 18th to McAlester to interview Martel.

I interviewed Agent Hollis concerning this matter and he stated to me positively that he had not interviewed any newspaper man in McAlester and that the only contact he had with newspaper men was the telephone call he received from William Voight, Associated Press man at Tulsa, referred to above. Hollis furthermore told me that he did not make such a statement to any person at McAlester or elsewhere.

Agent Hansen called me last night from McAlester and informed me that he had interviewed Martel, International News Service representative there, who stated that he had never interviewed or seen Mr. Hollis and stated he didn't interview any officer who accompanied prisoners to McAlester on March 15th; that the material for any article prepared by him concerning this matter cleared through the district office of the International News Service at Kansas City, Missouri and that it did not directly quote any person. This morning Agent Hansen called me and stated that he has received copies of all dispatches in respect to this matter received by and sent out by Martel and that none of them quote Agent Hollis. This information was furnished telegraphically to the Division on March 19th.

The following are the dispatches received by and sent out by Martel in connection with this matter:

"Kansas City Missouri 3-15-34

"E N Martel  
McAlester Oklahoma

Have received tip persons arrested at Manford wanted connection Bremer kidnaping stop Please check immediately with McAlester and state prison officials and wire me soon as possible

W J Good  
International News Service  
9:35 pm "

"McAlester, Oklahoma March 16, 1934

"International News Service  
Kansas City Missouri

Ed Brophy alias Pal Collins alias Alonzo Brisco may be connected Bremer kidnaping Glen Roy Wright known to have been associated Freddie

Barker & Alvin Karpis suspects not caught raid

E N Martel  
5:45 am "

McAlester, Oklahoma March 16, 1934

"International News Service  
Kansas City Missouri

Universal Service  
Chicago Illinois

Five men brought State prison closely watched to prevent escape  
Would have go through six steel doors past half a dozen machine guns  
and then over walls to escape Officers believe most important capture  
in many months Wright Brisco alias Brodie believed be connected  
Bremer kidnaping

E N Martel "

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
Dwight Brantley, *by P.H.*  
Special Agent in Charge.



M E M O R A N D U M

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
March 16, 1934

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PH:IJ

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al;  
Edward George Bremer - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

This memorandum is being prepared at the suggestion of  
Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley.

During March 14 and 15, 1934, I was in charge of the Oklahoma City office during Mr. Brantley's absence. About 9:15 A.M., March 15, 1934, Special Agent H. E. Hollis called me on the telephone from Sapulpa, Oklahoma and advised me that he had assisted in a raid with twenty-seven officers from Tulsa, Stillwater, and Sapulpa, Oklahoma on a house owned by Ira Brackett which is located about six miles west of Mannford, Oklahoma. Agent Hollis advised that Glen Roy Wright, five other men and three women were arrested during this raid. Agent Hollis requested some help from the Oklahoma City office in interrogating Wright and the other persons arrested with him regarding his association with suspects in the Bremer kidnaping case. I advised Agent Hollis that due to other urgent matters in this district I was alone in the office and could not help him in this regard. Agent Hollis informed me that a considerable sum of money had been recovered from the possession of some of these people, and I advised him to check it against the serial numbers of the bills paid for the ransom of Mr. Bremer. Hollis called me back in a few minutes and stated that as several thousand people had gathered around the Sapulpa County Jail, the officers were apprehensive of some trouble and that arrangements had been made to take five of the men to the State Penitentiary at McAlester, and that he did not have time to check these serial numbers then. He stated that for some reason which he did not know some newspaper men from Tulsa, Oklahoma were present at this raid and he was, therefore, anxious for the information concerning the arrest of Wright to be forwarded to Washington at once.

As soon as I finished talking with Agent Hollis, I immediately called the Division at Washington and talked with Mr. Cowley, advising him of the result of this raid, and I gave him the names of the persons who were arrested except two women whose names I could not secure. I then called the St. Paul office and talked with Inspector Rorer and advised him of these arrests.

About 10:30 or 11:00 A.M., a Mr. Shipley called me on the telephone from Minneapolis, Minnesota and said that he was a representative of the Minneapolis Tribune and asked me about the arrests. I told Mr. Shipley that I understood there were some newspaper men present during this raid

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and that I suspected that he knew more about the details of it than I did. He asked me if this raid was made with the intention of catching some of the Bremer kidnapers, and I told him that it was not. He then asked me if we did not have hopes of catching some of the persons who were suspected of being involved in the Bremer kidnaping when we made this raid, and I told him that was not so. He then asked me if some of our Agents were not present on this raid and I told him that there was one Agent and twenty-seven officers. He asked me why the raid was made and what the real purpose of the raid was and I told him that I could not give him any information along this line as I had none to give, but that I suspected that it was made to catch several notorious bank robbers; that the results of this raid would indicate as much. Shipley then said, "In other words, Mr. Hansen, you are just not talking." I then told Mr. Shipley that that was not the attitude I had but that I really had no information to give him; that nine people were taken in this raid and that some of them are notorious bank robbers, and as far as I knew that was the entire story. Shipley then said, "How about the latent fingerprints?" I told him that I had not heard of anything like that concerning this raid. He said, "Is it not a fact that fingerprints of Doc Barker and Karpis were found in connection with the Bremer kidnaping?" I told him that I had no information to that effect. He then said, "How about the fingerprints on the oil can?" I then said to him, "Well, now, Mr. Shipley, you are telling me something for I never heard of anything like that." I then suggested to him that as he was on the ground and so near to the St. Paul office that he could obtain information concerning the Bremer case directly from that office which would be the proper place for information concerning it to be given out to that particular newspaper.

I might state here that I knew that some latent fingerprints had been found in connection with the investigation of the Bremer case, but was of the opinion that they had been found on an automobile, and the first time I heard of any fingerprints being found on an oil can in connection with this case is when Mr. Shipley mentioned it to me over the telephone.

Mr. Morris Moore, city editor of the Oklahoma City Times, called me on the telephone about 2:00 P.M. on the 15th, and asked for Mr. Brantley. When advised that he was out of town, Mr. Moore asked if I was in charge, and when advised affirmatively, he asked me what information I had to give out concerning the arrests at Sapulpa. I told him that I had no information to give out. He asked me if our office was not represented in this raid, and I told him that Agent Hollis who is located at Tulsa was on the raid. He asked me if the Division had not suspected finding some suspects of some kidnaping case when this raid was made, and I told him that we did not suspect anything like that. He asked me if we were not making an investigation concerning the persons who were arrested at Sapulpa and I told him that we were making a check. I told him that the Division had several unsolved cases of various descriptions and that we were naturally interested in a case where

so many people were arrested, but that we had no information whatever that any of the persons who were arrested at Sapulpa were wanted for any offense over which the Government has jurisdiction.

Mr. Tom Yarbarough, also of the Oklahoma City Times, called at the Oklahoma City Division office and asked me if there was any information to be given out concerning the arrest of these persons at Sapulpa. I told him that I knew of nothing. This was practically the entire result of my conversation with Mr. Yarbarough.

A short time later, which was about 6:00 P.M., Jack Stinnett, a reporter from the Daily Oklahoman, came into the Oklahoma City Division office and asked me if there was anything new on the results of the arrests at Sapulpa, and I told him that there was not. He then asked me if the Government had determined if any of the persons arrested were wanted for violations of any laws over which the Government has jurisdiction, and I told him that so far we had been unable to link any of them with any Government offense. Mr. Stinnett then asked me about the article appearing in the Oklahoma City Times under a Minneapolis date line to the effect that fingerprints of Barker and Karpis were among those found on gasoline cans and a flashlight used during the Bremer kidnaping. I told Mr. Stinnett that I knew nothing of this, and that the first I knew anything about it was when I read it in the above mentioned paper.

The Oklahoma City representative of the International News Service called me about 9:00 P.M. and asked me if there was any information that could be given out concerning the Government's interest in the arrests at Sapulpa, and I told him that there was nothing to be given out; that the raid was apparently successful in that several persons who were wanted for major offenses in the state of Oklahoma were arrested, but that none of them was wanted by the Government as far as I knew.

The only reporter in Oklahoma City who even asked me anything about fingerprints is Jack Stinnett, and at the time he asked me concerning this he was reading the article in the Oklahoma City Times under the Minneapolis date line of March 15.

I might say here that I was fully aware of the stand which has been taken by the Division that the Barkers and their associates were only suspects in the Bremer case and that it did not want this information to be made public, and I was especially careful of this fact when I was talking with any newspaper correspondent. In the first place, I was cognizant of the fact that I had no authority to give out any information and as will be seen from the facts set out above, I did not give out any information, though I did talk with the different newspaper men who called me as I thought that practice and common sense demanded it.

*Paul Hansen*  
PAUL HANSEN,  
Special Agent.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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March 20, 1934.

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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

Dear Sir:

With further reference to [redacted] paid informant of  
this office, this is to advise that he was interviewed on [redacted]

[redacted] Schaeffer and Young were  
sentenced in St. Paul for a gang killing, reputed to have been done  
at the instance of "Frisco Dutch" Steinhardt.

In that connection, for the Division's information, during  
the trial of Schaeffer and Young, a man giving the name of Louis Brooks  
lived in St. Paul and was here apparently for the purpose of "fixing"  
the witnesses in the murder case.

During the investigation of the Bremer case, information  
was received that one "Big Louie" and a tall, blonde man, considerably  
younger, resided about two blocks from the scene of the "snatch". This  
information could not be verified, and it is with the thought in mind that  
"Dutch Louie" and "Big Louie" might be the same person that this office  
will conduct an inquiry to determine the identity of "Dutch Louie"

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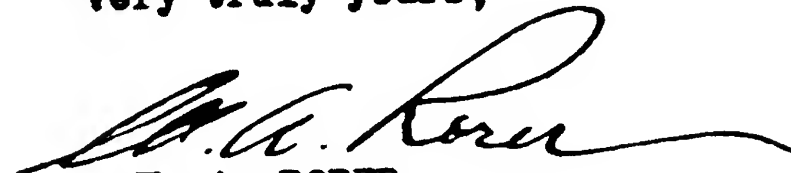
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A photograph of Tom Brown, ex-Chief of Police of St. Paul, was exhibited to the informant [REDACTED]

The informant was given \$9.00 by Special Agent O. G. Hall to defray his living expenses.

Very truly yours,

  
W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mr. NATHAN .....  
Mr. TOLSON .....  
Mr. CLEGG .....  
Mr. COWLEY .....  
Mr. EDWARDS .....  
Mr. EGAN .....  
Mr. QUINN .....  
Mr. LESTER .....  
CHIEF CLERK .....  
Mr. HUNTER .....

March 22, 1934.

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

With further reference to [redacted] paid informant of this  
office, he was interviewed [redacted]  
at which time he was given \$10 to help defray expenses.

The informer will be interviewed again in a few days and the  
Division notified concerning the interview.

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Very truly yours,  
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W. A. RORER, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Inspector

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W. A. RORER, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Inspector  
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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

**CHICAGO**

FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Chicago, Ill.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3/26/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3/23/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>R. G. GILLESPIE - AB</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Western Auto Supply Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, did not sell any Filmolens from 1/1/34 to 2/8/34 inclusive; all employees of Western Auto Supply Co. questioned and shown photographs of suspects, with negative results.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minnesota, 3/3/34.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Mr. V. E. Berg, Manager of the Milwaukee Store of the Western Auto Supply Company, 641 W. Wisconsin Avenue, stated that he kept an accurate perpetual inventory for the store. Agent examined this inventory, which showed six Filmolens in stock on January 1, 1934 and six still in stock as late as February 8, 1934. Mr. Berg stated that no Filmolens were received during that period, and that from these records he was positive no Filmolens were sold during the above mentioned period. Mr. Berg was shown the Filmolens identical with the ones used by the kidnapers, together with photographs of Karpis, the Barker brothers, Volney Davis and Harry Campbell, and he failed to identify any of the photographs. He further stated that he did not remember selling a Filmolens in recent months.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Earl Ertenberg, salesman, Western Auto Supply Company, address above, stated he did not recall selling any Filmolens in recent months, and he failed to identify photographs of suspects in instant case.</p>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		<b>7-576-1435</b> UNITED STATES <b>MAR 28 1934 A M</b> BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">15</span> FILE	
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H. B. Smith, salesman, Western Auto Supply Company, address above, stated that he did not recall selling any Filmolens, nor could he identify photographs of suspects, except that he stated the photograph of Volney Davis was familiar to him, although he could not recall when and where he had seen him.

Mr. O. C. Nelson, salesman, Western Auto Supply Company, address above, stated he could not recall ever selling any Filmolens, nor could he identify photographs of suspects. He stated, however, that the photograph of Volney Davis was vaguely familiar to him and it seemed he had seen the person somewhere. He could not recall when or where he had seen Davis.

Mr. E. Lutz, salesman, Western Auto Supply Company, address above, stated he sold one Filmolens about three months ago to an old man about 65 years old, height 5'8", heavy build, wearing a mustache, weight about 175, dark complexion, appeared to be an Italian; that at some time he also sold him complete tail light outfit for a Ford T model car; that he recalled cutting the Filmolens down to 2 $\frac{3}{4}$  inches, and fitting it in tail light. Mr. Lutz could not remember any other sales of Filmolens, nor could he identify photographs of suspects in instant case. He stated that the man to whom he sold the lens was unknown to him, but that he has bought auto accessories since the first of March, 1934.

There were no other employees of the Western Auto Supply Company. Each of the above persons were interviewed thoroughly as to any person making inquiries about red flashlight lenses, cutting down the Filmolens, or any inquiries about red flashlights or pocket lanterns, the results all being negative.

Agent examined the stock of Filmolens on hand at the above named store and found four on hand, which indicates two have been sold since February 8, 1934. None of the employees could recall who bought these two.

Mr. Berg, above mentioned, stated that the sales slips would not distinguish the sale of Filmolens from many other types of lens sold by the store, and in view of the fact that the inventory shows no sales during the period in question, no effort was made to have Mr. Berg secure the sales slips, which are located in the Kansas City office of the Western Auto Supply Company.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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March 16, 1934.

Mr. NATHAN .....  
Mr. TOLSON .....  
Mr. CLEGG .....  
Mr. COWLEY .....  
Mr. EDWARDS .....  
Mr. EGAN .....  
Mr. QUINN .....  
Mr. LESTER .....  
CHIEF CLERK .....  
Mr. RORER .....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.  
RE: PUBLICITY GIVEN IDENTIFICATION  
OF LATENT PRINTS OF BARKER AND KARPIS IN BREMER CASE.

Mr. Rorer called from St. Paul (11:35 A. M.) and advised that he had just talked to the Assistant City Editor of the Minneapolis Tribune, Mr. Shipley, who advised that he secured the story; that Mr. Shipley advised that he secured the information at Sapulpa, from either the Sheriff or the Jailer there; [REDACTED] and he does not remember which person gave him the information but he was positive it was either of the above; that Mr. Shipley stated that he first talked to Mr. Burks, a representative of the Sapulpa World, who advised him that a raid had been made in connection with the Bremer case and that he then called the Sheriff and the Jailer but he does not remember which one gave him the information.

I am putting in a call for Mr. Brantley to give him this information.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.

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1900 WYNNE BUILDING,  
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March 27, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:      In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER  
with aliases, I.O. #1219; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

Reference is made to your teletype message re-  
questing to know the name of dealers in Reno, Nevada,  
handling Casco goggles manufactured by the Chicago Eye-  
shield Company, Chicago, Illinois. Examination of their  
records disclosed that in April, 1932, the Nevada Con-  
solidated Copper Company at McGill, Nevada, purchased  
one pair of said goggles, and that in May, 1932, the  
same company purchased twelve pairs of said goggles.  
An examination of the records of the Chicago Eyeshield  
Company fails to disclose any other purchase of said  
goggles by any party or firm located in Nevada.

Very truly yours,

JAY C. NEWMAN, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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REPORT MADE AT: Portland, Oregon	DATE WHEN MADE: 3-24-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3-23-34	REPORT MADE BY: C. C. Spears
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al, UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

H. Wilson arrested Seattle, Washington, January 29, 1931 on suspicion. Was traveling in a Cadillac automobile bearing an unknown California license and was accompanied by a woman who posed as his wife. Information pertaining to Wilson furnished Chicago office telegraphically.

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REFERENCE: Telegram from the Chicago office, dated March 9, 1934.

## DETAILS:

--- At Seattle, Washington ---

Information contained in the reference telegram was relayed to Special Agent W. K. Bowling at Seattle, Washington where he made inquiry relative to the arrest of Homer Wilson on January 29, 1931.

From information obtained at the Seattle Police Department the above named party was arrested under the name of H. Wilson and given book of arrest number 1366. No photographs or fingerprint record was made

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and he was picked up on suspicion only and released without any definite information being obtained that he was a wanted person. A report submitted by Captain Justice of the Seattle Police Department reflected the following information:

That Wilson stated he left Chicago January 2, 1931, proceeding to San Francisco where he stayed for three of four days at the Olympic Hotel and then went to Oakland for a few days. He then came to Seattle according to his story and claimed that he had a friend at 943 Abbey Street, Oakland, but did not furnish the name of this friend. He stated that he resided at 7150 Cyril Street, Chicago, Illinois and that he was business agent for the International Hod-carriers Union, Joliet, Illinois. He stated that while in Chicago he was engaged in bootlegging and that that was his only racket; that he never went in for any "rough stuff" and that he always played alone. He denied, as did his wife, knowing anything of a robbery gang in Seattle in connection with which he was arrested upon suspicion. He was traveling in a twin-eight Cadillac car, 1931 model, which bore a California license, the number of which was not ascertained. Among the personal effects of Wilson were found a safe deposit box receipt for box number 1326, Jackson Park Safe Deposit Company, Chicago, Illinois, and receipts were also found indicating the purchase of valuable fur coats and jewelry. Wilson was accompanied by a woman who posed as his wife who stated they had considerable jewelry in a safe deposit box in Chicago. Captain Justice related in his report that it was possible that Wilson was looking for a location to handle booze in Seattle and that he admitted as much; that he had about two thousand dollars in cash on his person. The report further reflects that telegrams were sent to Oakland and Chicago asking for quick replies but no information forthcoming indicating that Wilson was wanted and he was released.

The following description was obtained from Lieutenant McCarthy, one of the arresting officers.

Name	H. Wilson
Age	42 to 45 years
Height	6 ft 1 in
Weight	230 lbs
Hair	Light chestnut
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Medium
Peculiarities	Flashily dressed and a good talker.

McCarthy:

Description of Mrs. H. Wilson as obtained from Lieutenant

Age	32 to 35 years
Height	5 ft 6 in
Weight	150 lbs
Build	Medium stout
Hair	Dark chestnut
Complexion	Dark
Peculiarities	Very attractive and a good dresser, Was accompanied by a baby boy 1½ years of age.

The above information was transmitted telegraphically to the Chicago office on March 10, 1934 and a telegram was also dispatched to the San Francisco office requesting that a check be made to determine if possible information relative to the registration of the Cadillac car in the state of California. In response to the telegram to the San Francisco office that office submitted letter under date of March 13, 1934, copy of which was routed to the Chicago office. For the information of Inspector Rorer at St. Paul a copy of this letter is being attached to the copies of this report being routed to Inspector Rorer.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE: Inasmuch as there is a possibility that the Cadillac car referred to above was registered in the state of California for 1930 it is requested that that office make a check at the Automobile Registration Bureau for such possible record. It is also requested that inquiry be made at 943 Abbey Street, Oakland, to determine if any persons at that address is acquainted with Homer Wilson in view of the fact that he claimed he had a friend at that address when arrested at Seattle.

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Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT:  
REPORT MADE AT:  
**Portland.**  
TITLE: AT-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O.#1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER,  
with aliases, I.O.#1219; et al  
Edward George Bremer, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Very truly yours,

JAY C. NEWMAN, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box #766  
Cincinnati, Ohio

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MAR 29 1934  
March 27, 1934.

Mr. David Goin,  
Postmaster,  
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir:

THOMAS R. WILLIAMS, 418 Murray Street, Frankfort,  
Ky., we understand, has recently moved to Indianapolis, Indiana.  
If a forwarding address is on file for him, will you please furnish  
us with his address at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Your courtesy and cooperation will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Division

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al.  
Edward G. Bremer Victim  
Kidnaping.

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P. O. Box 215,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 26, 1934, 2:20 PM

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

With reference to the various reports from the Chicago office which have been recently submitted covering investigation at various cities with a view toward locating the hideout, your attention is called to the fact that several agents appear to be confining their investigation to the sounds which Bremer claims to have heard. Such procedure is unsatisfactory. Your particular attention is invited to the investigation conducted by Special Agent J. E. Brennan, as set out in the report of K. E. McIntire dated 3-22-34, at Maywood, Melrose Park, Bellwood, Broadview, and Brookfield, Illinois. The report indicates that investigation was confined solely to the siren and factory sounds. It should be obvious that if we could rely upon these sounds, all investigation could be conducted by circular letters. It has been noticed in several instances that Special Agent Brennan referred to the fact that city officials informed him that they had been circularized by this office concerning sounds.

As previously requested, you should see that in each place visited, the agent, in addition to the sounds, interviews each electric meter reader with a view toward locating the hideout house. Mail carriers should also be interviewed, as well as wall paper dealers and hangers, and filling stations. Please give closer care to the preparation of reports covering the hideout.

In the report of Agent McIntire dated the 22nd instant, it is noticed that Agent Cross in covering Hobart, Indiana, set out pertinent information and stated that after exhibiting photographs of subjects to Traeger without any identifications, he observed several houses suspected of being the hideout by Traeger and that it was obvious to agent that they had no bearing on this case as the elements were missing. This is a conclusion of the agent and should not be indulged in, and he should set out the descriptive facts which of themselves may indicate that these houses can not be the hideout.

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In the report of Agent McIntire dated the 22nd instant, Agent Brown conducted investigation at Round Lake, Illinois, where he located basement living quarters in the proximity of which were a large and a small dog. It is noticed that he did not enter this basement but merely looked through the window. He concludes that in view of the fact that the basement is unfurnished and does not correspond in any manner with Bremer's description, it is not the hideout house. Again your attention is invited to the fact that Agent Brown expresses an opinion. He should state just what he saw which caused him to so conclude; that if Agent Brown can not do this, additional investigation should be made at Round Lake.

It is requested that all of the agents working on this case in the Chicago district give closer attention to investigation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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St. Paul, Minnesota,  
March 26, 1934.

J.E.P. Dunn,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
617 Federal Building,  
Los Angeles, California.

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PORTLAND OREGON

BREKID ELDRIDGE OF AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY ADVISES ED AND TED BENTZ  
AND VERA BENTZ AND CHRISTINA DAWSON VISITED MOTHER OF VERA BENTZ SOUTH  
MILWAUKEE WISCONSIN MARCH NINETEEN AND THEN VISITED SISTER OF VERA BENTZ  
IN CHICAGO SUPPOSED TO HAVE MADE STATEMENT THAT THEY WERE GOING TO VISIT  
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THREE ILLINOIS LICENSE MENTIONED YOUR TELEGRAM ISSUED TO ED AND TED BENTZ  
ADDRESSES THAT THE BEING CHECKED NOTIFY SAN FRANCISCO

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March 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Mr. Nathan telephoned from St. Paul to advise that he had interviewed Mr. Youngquist, and that he, Mr. Youngquist, appeared to be satisfied. They went into all the details of the matter which Mr. Youngquist had discussed here, Mr. Youngquist stating that they originally wanted their group of men made Agents in this Department, but that their final plea was to have one of our Agents regularly assigned to their work. Mr. Nathan explained to him that what we are offering is a much better arrangement; that either he or Mr. Hanni could be called at any time for consultation and to render any assistance possible. Mr. Nathan is of the opinion, however, that the group is not ready to proceed with its work. Mr. Graham is still at Pittsburgh and they don't know when he will proceed to the Twin Cities. Mr. Nathan stated that Mr. Youngquist appeared to be very appreciative and asked that his thanks be conveyed to me.

Mr. Nathan will remain in St. Paul until some time Thursday afternoon or evening, and if nothing further develops, he will then proceed to Oklahoma. He will submit a memorandum covering the above.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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P. O. Box 1276  
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March 26, 1934

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Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with alias, et al.  
Edward G. Bremer, Victim  
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to report of Agent A. R. Gere, Salt Lake City, March 22, 1934, in this case, and to a letter from the St. Paul office, dated March 23, 1934, to the Salt Lake City Office, a copy of which was furnished Oklahoma City, in which reference is made to certain automobiles allegedly used in the past and possibly now being used by the suspects in this case.

Please be advised that Special Agent F. S. Smith of this office has contacted Mr. Hopper, in charge of the Auto Theft Division of the Oklahoma State Highway Department, and which has to do with the licensing and registering of automobiles in the State of Oklahoma. Mr. Hopper was furnished descriptive data, motor and serial numbers of all the automobiles enumerated in the communications referred to, together with the names and aliases of the suspects.

Mr. Hopper informed Agent Smith that, after an exhaustive search, there is no record of the registration, present or past, of any of the automobiles in question. Mr. Smith, however, observed Mr. Hopper place in his files ticklers concerning these automobiles with information contained there in to the effect that this Division office would be notified should anyone register or apply for registration for any of the said automobiles. Mr. Hopper informed Agent Smith that the records of the State Highway Department are so kept that it would be an impossibility to obtain information concerning registration of automobiles by names only.

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A contact is being made with the State Highway Department in Arkansas along the same line, and investigation is being conducted in the vicinity of Tulsa, Oklahoma in an effort to ascertain the identity of the alleged wife of George L. Martin, presumed to be an alias of Harry Campbell.

You perhaps have observed from previous correspondence the name of Winona Burdette, alleged to be a girl friend of Harry Campbell, and that she is described as being a very attractive woman, which conforms, in many respects, to the description of the female companion of Campbell as contained in Agent Gere's report. It has occurred to me that perhaps the woman accompanying Campbell is none other than Winona Burdette, and inquiries to determine if such be the case will be made.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Division ✓  
Salt Lake City  
Kansas City  
San Francisco  
Chicago

P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 26, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
803-A U. S. Court House & P. O.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:  
MAR 26 1934

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

Reference is being made to report of Special Agent A. R. Gere dated 3-22-34 at Salt Lake City wherein it is shown that certain members of the Barker-Karpis gang using various aliases have been identified as having resided at Reno, Nevada. It is reasonable to assume that members of this gang resided in apartments located at 1280 and 1290 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, for a short period during February and March, 1933, and departed very hurriedly after a tip off, leaving articles of clothing and other things behind. Examination of this clothing has been made and same bears the following laundry and cleaner marks:

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Included among the clothing were a number of freshly laundered shirts enclosed in wrappers of the Sunshine Laundry, 440 East Second Street, Reno, Nevada. It is thought the above laundry marks will assist in tracing possible residences and contacts of the gang while in Reno, Nevada, which may furnish leads for other offices as to their present location.

In addition to these shirts there were two expensive Japanese silk shirts, apparently tailor made, bearing the label of George Wing and Company, 627 Jackson Street, San Francisco, California; one wool, pullover sweater, yellow-grey-white mixture, bearing label of Baskin, Chicago, Illinois; and neckties bearing labels of Burke and Son, Inc., Reno, Nevada, Paterson's, Reno, Nevada, and Bullock's, Los Angeles, California.

Members of the Barker-Karpis gang may be known to employees of the stores mentioned, and their photographs should be exhibited to them by interested officers for possible information concerning them. It is further suggested that photographs of all the principal suspects be exhibited to employees of the various apartment houses and hotels where members of this gang have at times resided under various aliases mentioned in report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, previously mentioned.

Inasmuch as the San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland, Oklahoma City, Kansas City, Dallas, Chicago, Cincinnati, and Detroit offices are now covering leads looking to disclosure of present whereabouts and connections of this gang, copies of this letter are being furnished these offices for whatever value the above listed laundry marks may have in assisting them in their investigation.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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Cc Division ✓  
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Los Angeles  
Portland  
Oklahoma City  
Kansas City  
Dallas  
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Cincinnati  
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St. Paul

P.O. Box 815, St. Paul, Minn.

March 27, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Please refer to the report of Special Agent T.E. Billings,  
dated at Chicago, Illinois, March 13, 1934.

In view of the current developments in this case, it is  
now felt that possibly the goggles supplied the victim may have  
been secured at Reno, Nevada, or vicinity. Therefore, confirming  
my teletype message of this date to you, it is requested that  
further contact be had with the Chicago Eye Shell Company for the  
purpose of obtaining from them a list of the dealers, whether  
in the State of Nevada, or otherwise, who would distribute this  
particular type of goggles throughout the State of Nevada and es-  
pecially at Reno. If it is found that this goggles is sold in  
Nevada, the proper list should be forwarded to the Salt Lake City  
Division Office so that they may make a check to determine the  
present location of all goggles of this type sold in that state.

The goggles used in the instant case will be forwarded  
to the Salt Lake City Division Office to be exhibited to persons  
interviewed there in the event it is found that this article has  
been sold in Nevada.

A copy of the report mentioned in reference should also  
be forwarded to the Salt Lake City Division Office.

Please give this matter preferred attention.

Very truly yours,

RE: TC  
CC Division  
Salt Lake City

W. L. ROHRER, INCH. 10000.

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P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 27, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
503-A U.S. Court House and Post Office,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

In confirmation of my telegram of the 27th instant, it is requested that all laundries at Reno be immediately checked for the names and aliases set out in the report of Agent A. E. Gore dated the 22nd instant at Salt Lake City, in order to obtain all laundry marks used by suspects in this case.

This information should be furnished to the following offices: Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Chicago, St. Paul, and Oklahoma City for immediate check.

It is further requested that a similar check be made of the clothes cleaners in Reno for the same purpose. When this information has been obtained, appropriate leads should be set out in order not only to check any existing records, but in order to place a wanted notice with the cleaners and laundrymen in the aforementioned districts.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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BREKID OBTAIN LIST DEALERS HANDLING CESCO GOGGLES

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March 27, 1934.

Postmaster,  
South Milwaukee,  
Wisconsin.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER  
with aliases, I. O. 1219  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the investigation being  
conducted by the Chicago office, all mail tracings to be  
made by the Chicago office and all first class mail received  
by the following persons:

MISS FREDERICK, 704 Monroe St.  
South Milwaukee, Wis.

MISS FREDERICK, 704 Monroe St.  
South Milwaukee, Wis.

MISS FREDERICK, 704 Monroe St.  
South Milwaukee, Wis.

It is requested that you, in transmitting these  
tracings to this office, please refer to number 7-82.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I

am,

Very truly yours,

JAY C. NEWMAN,

Acting Special Agent in Charge.

AM:JMS

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 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
 411 U. S. COURT HOUSE BLDG.  
 PORTLAND OREGON

BREKID GEORGE BENTZ BROTHER OF ED AND TED BENTZ AND WIFE REPORTED TO HAVE LEFT CHICAGO ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO DRIVING OLD WILLYS KNIGHT SEDAN MAROON COLOR BEARING NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR ILLINOIS LICENSE FIVE NAUGHT TWO SIX SEVEN ONE MOTOR ONE FIVE EIGHT SIX THREE SIX FACTORY NUMBER TWO FIVE NAUGHT SIX WITH TRAILER ATTACHED BEARING NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR ILLINOIS LICENSE THREE NAUGHT TWO W ENROUTE TO TACOMA WASHINGTON GEORGE BENTZ EXPECTED TO GO TO WORK FOR SAN JUAN FISH COMPANY TACOMA FOR WHOM HE FORMERLY WORKED GEORGE BENTZ NOT EXPECTED TO RETURN CHICAGO FOR SEVERAL MONTHS INFORMANT STATES ED AND TED BENTZ FORMERLY INTERESTED IN GOLD MINE NEAR SHELTON WASHINGTON EXACT LOCATION UNKNOWN BUT BELIEVED GOOD HIDEOUT EXPECT ED AND TED TO CONTACT GEORGE BENTZ STOP ROSL KELSO SEATTLE WASHINGTON SISTER OF BENTZ BROTHERS ALSO POSSIBLE CONTACT

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Room 1403, 370 Lexington Avenue,  
New York City

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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim  
Kidnaping

In compliance with instructions contained in Division letter dated March 20, 1934, I contacted Mr. Alcorn on Saturday, March 24, 1934. He stated at that time that he desired to have this woman friend of Leon Kramer communicate with this office Monday morning and make final arrangements for the visit to Dannemora. Mr. Alcorn insisted that this woman who, incidentally, he stated is a niece of Kramer's accompany the Division representative to Dannemora, as he related that without her, Kramer would not talk.

Mr. Alcorn telephoned me this morning and stated that a decision had been definitely reached that Kramer would talk to nobody but Assistant Director Harold Nathan. No amount of persuasion on my part could change his decision in view of which this office will await further instructions before proceeding further.

Very truly yours,

F.A. FAY,  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Mr. W.A. Rorer,  
St. Paul

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

FILE NO. 7-82 DR

REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Ill	DATE WHEN MADE: 3/26/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/23-24/34	REPORT MADE BY: R. G. Gillespie
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: DIVISION ONE KIDNAPING MAR 26 1934 AM
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Harrison E. Nash, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was owner of 1931 Ford Two-Door Sedan bearing license 1933 Wisconsin No. 176876 until 1/16/34 when he sold it to David J. Sutton, Inc.; car resold by David J. Sutton, Inc. 1/18/34 to Edward Makowski. Car now bears same license number as above, and is in possession of Edward Makowski who stated car or license plate has not been out of City of Milwaukee since he purchased it; that he has never loaned or rented car or license plates.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer, dated 3/21/34 at St. Paul, Minnesota.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN</p> <p>The attention of St. Paul Office is directed to their serial #787 in connection with this matter.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> Harrison E. Nash, 3459 South Kinnickinnick Avenue, Street car motorman, stated that he had been the owner of a 1931 Ford Two-Door Sedan, Motor #A-4611276, 1933 Wisconsin license plate #176-876 until January 16th, 1934 on which date he traded the same to David J. Sutton, Inc., Ford Auto Dealer, 2459 South Kinnickinnick Avenue; that he presently owned a 1934 Model Ford Two-Door sedan with 1934 Wisconsin license number 55839. Mr. Nash stated that he did not know who presently owned the old car that he traded to David J.</p>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Jay C. Newman, actg.</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE 3 Division COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 2 St. Paul 2 Chicago <b>COPIES DESTROYED</b> <b>848 MAR 18 1968</b>		7-571-1439 UNITED STATES <b>MAR 28 1934 A M</b> BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: <i>one</i> FILE	
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Sutton, Inc.

Mr. David J. Sutton, President of David J. Sutton, Inc., Ford dealer, 2459 South Kinnickinnick Avenue, stated that according to his records he received from Harrison E. Nash on 1/16/34, a 1931 Ford Two-door sedan, Motor Number A-4611276; further that the same car he received from Nash had been sold on 1/18/34 to Edward Makowski, 2661 South Howell Ave.; that he was not acquainted with Makowski, the sale of this car having been handled by his salesman, C. Borkenhagen.

Mr. C. Borkenhagen, salesman for David J. Sutton, Inc., 2459 South Kinnickinnick Avenue, stated that he handled the sale of the above-mentioned car to Edward Makowski; that he had been trying for a long time to sell Makowski a car, but that Makowski always appeared to be without sufficient funds; that the car was paid for by trading in an old car, several \$10.00 City Milwaukee bonds, and the balance cash; that it was his opinion that someone other than Makowski put up the money with which to purchase the car; further that he had known Makowski for 28 years and that he always knew him to be reliable and a reputable business man. Mr. Borkenhagen stated that when Makowski received the car it bore the same license number as when it was owned by Nash.

Mr. Edward Makowski was interviewed at his Meat Market, 2661 South Howell Avenue. Makowski's home is located upstairs at the above address. When Agent identified himself and stated a check was being made on certain auto license plates and automobiles, Makowski appeared agitated and nervous. Makowski stated that since he purchased his car from David J. Sutton, Inc., it had been kept in his garage located in the rear of his meat market; that he had used the car occasionally to go to the packing plant, and for pleasure, but was positive that the car had never been out of the city of Milwaukee; further, that he had never loaned the car to any person, and that he had never removed or loaned the license plates from his car. Makowski stated that he had never had the title transferred to his name, and did not have 1934 license plates and for that reason had used the car but little; that during the first week in February, to the best of his recollection, the car was not used at all, having been in the garage during that time. Mr. Makowski stated that while he kept the car in an unlocked garage, he would have known it if any unauthorized person had used the car, or if anyone had removed the license plates; that a relative of his, Henry Kosmatka, who lived at same address, also kept a 1930 Ford two-door sedan in the same garage with his car. Mr. Makowski stated that he had not been out of the city since February 1, 1934.

Agent went to the garage of Edward Makowski, located in the rear of the Meat Market at above address and examined the cars therein. Makowski's car was bearing 1933 Wisconsin license #176-876, and was a black car. A careful examination of the license plates indicated that they had never been removed as the screws holding the plates were old and rusty. The car designated by Makowski as that of Henry Kosmatka was a Ford two-door sedan, maroon body, black fenders and top, and appeared to be a 1930 model. This latter car bore 1933 Wisconsin License #109-806. There was no indication of the plates ever having been removed from this car.

Agent interviewed Henry Kosmatka, upstairs at 2661A South Howell Avenue, who stated that he worked for the A. & P. Warehouse; that he was positive that neither his car nor Edward Makowski's car had ever been driven except within Milwaukee and suburbs within the past four or five months; that neither of the cars, as far as he knew, had ever been loaned or rented to anyone, and that he was positive the license plates had not been removed from either car.

Through Mr. Marquis, Asst. Manager of Dun and Bradstreet, 6th Floor, 820 North Broadway Street, agent examined the file on Edward Makowski. This file showed that Makowski had for many years been a responsible Polish business man; that in addition to owning a retail meat market he was Secretary of the Badger Sausage Company, a thriving business with a net worth of about \$50000.00; that Makowski bore reputation as honest and reliable among business associates.

P E N D I N G

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

March 17, 1934.

MR. TOLSON	
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Lorer called from St. Paul at 1:15 P.M. and stated that he had been in conference with Mr. Dillon, Managing Editor of the Minneapolis Tribune, who had advised that had the Minneapolis Tribune in Minneapolis had the information concerning the latent fingerprints in this case, all of the newspapers there would have had the same information but they did not have it until the day it was published. Mr. Lorer stated further that Mr. Shipley of the Minneapolis Tribune stated positively that he obtained the information from Burke of the Tulsa World, the publisher of the Tulsa World, Oklahoma. He stated Mr. Nathan advised that Mr. Voight, the Associated Press man in Tulsa, Oklahoma, seemed to be a very high type individual and suggested the possibility of obtaining from him the source of Burke's information.

He stated further that Dillon of the Minneapolis Tribune advised the first information they had indicating that Karpis and Barker were wanted in the Bremer case was obtained several weeks ago from Washington, D. C. but it did not include the latent fingerprint identifications. Mr. Lorer advised that Mr. Burke of the Tulsa World is Vice-President of the Newspaper Men's Guild and Mr. Dillon advised there was recently a meeting of the Guild in Washington, D. C. and it was entirely possible that Burke attended this convention and might have obtained the information from Washington, at that time.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Reference is made to the kidnaping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota and recent items of publicity which have arisen relative to the investigative steps which have been taken in reaching a solution of this matter.

In this connection, it has been definitely determined that Mr. Edward G. Bremer personally gave out information to the press as to the type of wall paper which appeared on the walls of the room in which he was held captive. The definite identification of this wall paper, however, has subsequently been established by the Division and there has been no publicity brought to my attention relative to the identification of this wall paper. Its identification was effected by having a drawing made, based on Mr. Bremer's recollection of the wall paper pattern, following which investigation was made at the various wall paper manufacturing establishments in the United States and from one of the samples selected as being similar to the pattern prepared, Mr. Bremer has made definite identification.

The flash lights, which were used by the kidnapers, were located by Special Agents of the Division. They were photographed and the photographs were enlarged as an aid to effect identification of these flash lights. It became necessary to canvass manufacturers and wholesale dealers in these flash lights and in the conduct of this investigation, the photographs were exhibited to these manufacturers and dealers. It would appear logical that this information could have reached newspaper men through any one of the many contacts made in this connection. It is to be pointed out, however, that there has been no publicity as to the identity of the store where the flash lights were purchased or the identity of the saleslady who sold these flash lights to Alvin Karpis, one of the kidnapers. This information is known only to the Special Agents.

Concerning the publicity relative to the gasoline cans in which the reserve supply of gas was stored and placed in the automobile in which Mr. Bremer was returned, photographs and complete descriptive data relating to these cans were obtained and numerous inquiries were made of can manufacturers as well as many gasoline filling stations along the road known to have been followed by the kidnapers, in an effort to effect a

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positive identification of the kidnapers by photographs. The publicity relative to the fact that these cans have been found could have been based upon information furnished newspaper men by any one of the numerous operators of filling stations or dealers in this type of equipment.

Although mention was made of the fact that fingerprints were found on the cans and the flash lights, this could be a logical assumption on the part of newspaper men due to the necessity for some link to exist to show that the cans and flash lights had been in the possession of the kidnapers. Fingerprints would be the logical method of establishing such a connection; however, it is to be noted that although fingerprints were found on the gasoline cans, no fingerprints have been found on the flash lights, which shows that this portion of the published information is not based on fact.

The investigation of this matter is continuing in an effort to determine the source of the information which appeared in the newspapers. However, it is gratifying and significant to note that there has been no mention of the fact that a cap worn by one of the kidnapers has been identified and this cap was found in the kidnapers' car, which further tends to definitely establish the identity of the kidnapers. It would appear, if the information is based on data furnished by any employee of this Division, that the identity of the cap would have been an important element. Likewise a further fact, known to the Special Agents of this Division, is the identity of the saleslady selling the flash lights and the store where they were sold, which has not appeared in the press.

Although incorrect information has appeared as to identifying fingerprints on the flash lights, at the same time there has been no publicity concerning the definite identification of the wall paper pattern. Upon receipt of any additional information bearing on this publicity, I shall be glad to immediately advise you.

Respectfully,

Director.

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March 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM STANLEY,  
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

There is enclosed herewith, for your information,  
a copy of a memorandum transmitted to the Attorney General  
relative to the publicity recently given to the investigative  
steps taken by the Division in <sup>the</sup> Edward G. Bremer kidnaping  
case.

Very truly yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover  
Director.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3/26/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3/21 to 25/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>S. K. McKee</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases; et al; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING OF INVESTIGATION</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Tap on office telephones of Gilbert Nelson, 748 North Dearborn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, during period March 21-25, 1934, fails to produce information of value. Tap on Nelson's residence telephone commenced March 24, 1934.			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Chicago, Illinois, 3/22/34.			
DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. A tap on the office telephones of Gilbert Nelson, attorney, 748 North Dearborn Avenue, was maintained during the period from March 21 to March 25, 1934, by Special Agent M. P. Glynn. A complete log of all incoming and outgoing calls was kept, but an examination of this log by the writer and Special Agent A. E. Lockerman, who is handling the Bentz angle of this investigation, failed to indicate that any of the information obtained through this telephone cover was of value. The log for the above period will be found in the confidential telephone tap file as maintained in the Chicago Division office. This tap is being continued.			
DETAILS: Attention should be directed to a telephone call made to one of Nelson's phones at 5:05 P.M., on March 22, 1934, in which [REDACTED] but it is entirely possible that she is connected in some way with one of the Bentz brothers or their associates.			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Jay S. Newman, actg.</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		7-576-1443 MAR 28 1934 A.M. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: <i>FILE</i>	
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On March 24, 1934, as a result of arrangements made with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] as secured for use in maintaining a tap on the residence telephone of Gilbert Nelson, same being located at 2434 West Thorndale Avenue, the phone being Ravenswood 4931. Arrangements were made with the bank by the writer and Special Agent L. D. Nichols, and Mr. Clow was merely informed that the use of the flat was desired for observation purposes. Installation of this tap was effected and a cover on the above telephone was commenced at about 5:00 P.M. March 24, 1934, and same is being maintained on a twenty-four hour basis by Special Agents J. L. Madala and H. L. Scott of this office. This office will continue to submit semi-weekly reports of negative information obtained as a result of these telephone covers.

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# U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

March 26, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with  
aliases, et al; UNKNOWN  
SUBJECTS-EDWARD GEORGE  
BREMER-Victim, KIDNAPING.  
Chicago File-7-82.

Reference is made to the telephone tap which is being  
maintained on the telephone of FRANK HAYES, 2000 Indiana Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

You are advised that an examination of the log maintained  
in this office on all calls made to and from the residence of FRANK  
HAYES fails to disclose any information of value to date. It is ob-  
served that practically all of the calls are made or received by  
Mrs. Frank Hayes. Such calls have been of an inconsequential nature.  
It has been ascertained that FRANK HAYES is at home suffering from  
a cold.

You will be advised twice a week as to this matter, and if  
anything of consequence develops you will be notified immediately.

Very truly yours,

J. C. Newman

J. C. NEWMAN  
Acting Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to the case of the  
UNITED STATES vs. ALVIN KARPIS, JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, WILLIAM E.  
HILL, et al, et al. In accordance with instructions from  
the United States Attorney at St. Paul, I have delivered the sum  
of \$500.00, which was taken from William E. Vidler at the time  
he was taken into custody on April 20, 1934, to Mrs. William E.  
Vidler, and there is attached hereto copy of the receipt signed  
by her, and also signed by her attorney, Mr. George R. Seiber.  
This receipt is for the sum of \$400.00, the remainder, namely \$100.00,  
having previously been returned to her in two lots of \$50.00 each,  
on April 20, and May 1, 1934, respectively, for which receipts  
were also obtained, copies of which are attached hereto.

This \$400.00 was counted and turned  
over to Mrs. Vidler in the presence of Special Agent (A) A. H.  
Crowl, Assistant United States Attorney Leo J. Hasselauer,  
her attorney, George R. Seiber, and myself.

The remainder of the money which has been  
identified as Bremer ransom money, is still in the possession of  
this office, and I am today suggesting to Mr. Cowley that this  
money be taken up as soon as possible in order that the remainder  
of this money may be turned over to the proper officials in St.  
Paul, to be held there until the trial.

Very truly yours,

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A. H. CROWL,  
Special Agent in Charge, 554

WEP/r  
Attn.  
St. Division

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT St. Paul, Minnesota.

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REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minn.	DATE WHEN MADE: 7-6-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6/23 to 7/6/34	REPORT MADE BY: D.L. Nicholson
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O.#1219; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

LAURA CAMPBELL, who was confined in the Mayo Brothers Clinic, at Rochester, Minnesota, left the Clinic on June 23, 1934, and is presently residing at 111 First Avenue Northwest, Rochester, Minnesota. Cover has been placed on her mail and the police department of Rochester, Minnesota, has advised that they will maintain a surveillance of this address. ANDY KOTHEIMER moved the furniture of MYRTLE EATON from her apartment at 565 Portland Avenue and it is presently in storage at the Ballard Transfer and Storage Company, 16 East 4th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. Officials of this storage company will advise the St. Paul Division if efforts are made to remove this furniture.


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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent D.L. Nicholson, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated June 22, 1934.

DETAILS:

This is a joint report of the various Special Agents assigned to this case at St. Paul, Minnesota:

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-2339
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St. Paul, Minnesota  
June 30, 1934

Re: 7-50

The following is submitted by Special Agent in Charge  
D. M. Ladd:

On June 23, 1934, telephone call was received at this  
office from the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, and information  
was furnished to the effect that the "patient" had left the hospital  
and had moved to 111 First Avenue, Rochester, Minnesota. The  
"patient" referred to was LAURA CAMPBELL.

DML:IM

RE: 7-30

On June 25, 1934, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R.C. Gaudier, at Rochester, Minnesota:

Information was received at the St. Paul Office to the effect that LAURA CAMPBELL had left the hospital and was residing at 111 First Avenue Northwest, since June 23, 1934.

In the absence of Chief of Police Louis Claude, contact was had with Captain A.M. Nelson and Detective D.J. Dixon. While the residents of the above mentioned address were unknown to Captain Nelson, Detective Dixon stated that JAKE GRASSLE operated the rooming house at the address in question. He stated that MRS. GRASSLE is of unbalanced mind and that their son is no good and that he did not trust GRASSLE entirely. In view of this fact, it was deemed inadvisable to contact the GRASSLES for their cooperation.

The photograph of HARRY CAMPBELL, the brother of LAURA CAMPBELL, was posted in police headquarters along with a number of other persons. Detective Dixon stated that he would personally keep the house under observation and in the event CAMPBELL shows up at that address he will take him into custody and notify the St. Paul Division Office by telephone. Both officers were requested, and promised, to keep this matter in absolute confidence.

In the absence of Postmaster D.L. Williams, Mr. Schwartz was contacted at the Post Office and arrangements were made to put a cover on LAURA CAMPBELL'S mail. This request is being confirmed by letter.

A physical inspection of 111 First Avenue Northwest disclosed that it is a rooming house three blocks from the city hall on one of the main streets. No foreign cars were noticed in the immediate vicinity.

RCC:TC

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St. Paul, Minnesota  
June 29, 1934

The following is submitted by Special Agent in Charge  
D. M. Ladd:

On June 21, 1934, MR. EDWARD G. BREMER called at this office in company with one ANDY ROTHMEYER, who was introduced as a "life long friend", and inquired whether this Division was making inquiry at 565 Portland Avenue, stating that MR. ROTHMEYER had gone to that apartment building for the purpose of obtaining furniture from the apartment of MYRTLE EATON and had been informed by the manager of the building that the building was being watched by Federal Agents. MR. ROTHMEYER stated that he had then been afraid to enter the apartment in view of the fact that it was under observation by this Division. MR. ROTHMEYER advised that the last time he saw MYRTLE EATON was in February, 1934; that at the time, she left she did not state where she was going and that he has not heard from her since; that at the time he last saw her, she stated in the event she did not return or communicate with him by June 15, 1934, he should remove the furniture from her apartment, place it in storage and place a lien on said property; that in accordance with this request he desired to remove the furniture from this apartment and have same placed in storage.

MR. ROTHMEYER promised to notify this office when he removed said furniture, as well as the place to where he removed same. Likewise, he promised to notify this office if he heard from MYRTLE EATON or if he received any information relative to her present whereabouts. He was informed that no warrant had been issued for her and that agents of this office desired to talk to her.

D.M.L:IM

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St. Paul File No. 26-2434

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R. L. Nalls on June 22, 1934;

Information was received at the Office this morning advising that household furnishings were being removed from the apartment of MRS. MYRTLE EATON, located at 565 Portland Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Agent proceeded to the address mentioned and observed that there were a number of packing boxes in the rear of the apartment building. The building was kept under surveillance from 10:00 A.M. until 2:30 P.M., at which time a van of the Ballard Storage & Transfer Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, appeared and the furnishings from the apartment of MRS. EATON were placed in this van. The van bore Minnesota truck license No. X40-307.

The writer contacted MR. W. H. ROHLER, Cashier, Ballard Storage & Transfer Company, 16 East 4th Street, St. Paul, who advised that the household furnishings which were removed by their company from Apartment 104, 565 Portland Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, were being placed in storage under the name of one ANDY ROTHELYER of St. Paul. MR. ROHLER was requested to immediately notify the St. Paul Division Office by telephone should he learn of MRS. MYRTLE EATON'S mailing address, or if any steps are taken to have the furnishings removed from storage. MR. ROHLER stated that he would cooperate with the Division, and requested that the request be made by letter. Accordingly, a letter has been prepared and mailed to MR. ROHLER.

RLN:ACF



Re: 7-30

Special Agent C.O. Lawrence telephoned that the place which he has had under observation is being moved to 408 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, and it was likely that EDDIE, the mechanic, would move the scene of his operations to the University Avenue address.

With Special Agent in Charge Ladd, the premises at 408 University were observed and found to bear the appearance of a place recently opened and an upright sign on the outside, front, bore the title: "Republic Finance Company". It was also observed that there were two buildings in front of this address which might be utilized as places where observations might be made and if a room could be obtained in the rear of the residence located at 413 Aurora, it is likely that this would offer a splendid opportunity to observe this place of business from the rear.

HHC:TC

The St. Paul Division Office received a letter written by Mr. Isaac C. Rheame, Conservation Warden, of the Wisconsin Conservation Department, Mercer, Wisconsin, in which Mr. Rheame advised that he had received information that an individual at Mercer, Wisconsin, had received a letter advising that members of the DILLINGER mob, in their escape from Little Bohemia, had lost a diamond pin containing 104 diamonds and that the individual who had written the letter offered a reward of \$1,000 for the recovery of this pin.

In accordance with this letter, Special Agent J.E. Brennan submitted the following memorandum:

Re: 26-2434.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent John E. Brennan:

Mr. Isaac C. Rheame, Conservation Warden of the Wisconsin Conservation Department, Mercer, Wisconsin, whose communication addressed to the superintendent of enforcement at Madison, Wisconsin, was forwarded to the St. Paul Division Office by Mr. H. W. MacKenzie, Chief Conservation Warden, was interviewed at Mercer, Wisconsin, and stated that he had been informed by one, LEE DORIOT, of Manitowish, Wisconsin, that one, LOUIS LAFFIN, of the same town, had received a letter from some person whose identity he was unable to learn, to the effect that one of the DILLINGER gang lost a star shaped jeweled pin containing 104 diamonds during the escape from Little Bohemia and offered a reward of \$1,000 for the recovery of the pin. Mr. Rheame stated that he would not consider it advisable to interview DORIOT regarding this letter but that information might more readily be obtained if some contact were established with some person, known to be trustworthy, in the vicinity of Manitowish, through whom the identity of the writer of the letter might be learned. He further stated that he would, if an opportunity presented itself, talk further with DORIOT and endeavor to ascertain the identity of the writer and he would inform the St. Paul Division Office should he be successful.

Interview was had with EMIL WANATKA, proprietor of Little Bohemia, who volunteered the information that his brother-in-law, LOUIS LA PORTE, of Manitowish, Wisconsin, had received a letter from one, SCOTT YOUNGER, offering a \$1,000 reward for the recovery of a diamond pin supposed to have been lost by one of the DILLINGER gang at the time of their escape from Little Bohemia. WANATKA stated that he was communicating with Assistant United States Attorney, Fisher, Chicago, advising him of this information, and exhibited a letter he had just written to Fisher, which he stated he was not sending in view of his imparting this information to the undersigned. WANATKA stated that YOUNGER has a summer home on Rest Lake, which is about two miles from Star Lake, along which Little Bohemia is situated; that he is a commercial fisherman, spending most of his summer in Wisconsin and the winter around Jacksonville, Florida. He stated that the letter in question was shown to him by his brother-in-law, LA PORTE, and was on the stationery of the Royal Palace Inc.; that the cancellation stamp on the envelope was rather indistinct but he thought it had been cancelled at Jackson, Michigan, or Mississippi. He stated that YOUNGER would probably be at his summer home at Rest Lake some time during the next month and he would not consider it advisable to let it become known, at this time, that the Government was making any inquiry in the vicinity, but he would communicate with the St. Paul Division Office if anything further were heard

regarding the alleged loss of the diamond pin.

It was ascertained at the Post Office at Mercer, Wisconsin, that SCOTT YOUNGER resides at 810 Elgin Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma. His occupation is given as a commercial fisherman.

JES:TC

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

July 6, 1934

Director  
Division of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
I.O.1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER  
with aliases, I.O.1219; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting to the offices receiving copies of this letter, the report of Special Agent K.R. McIntire in the above entitled matter dated at Chicago, Illinois, June 20, 1934.

It is realized that leads are not outstanding in all the offices receiving copies of this report, but it is believed advisable to furnish such offices with this report for their information at this time in the event same may be needed in the future.

Very truly yours,

*S.P. Cowley*  
S.P. COWLEY  
Special Agent

KRM:FB  
7-82

cc Kansas City  
St. Louis  
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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minnesota**

FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Chicago, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>7/5/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>7/3/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>E. L. RICHMOND</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>KB</b></span>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. 1219; et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <span style="float: right;">JUL 11 1934</span></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Man called <b>Kizzie</b> identified as <b>Oliver A. Berg</b>, Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, number 1431.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: <span style="float: right;">JUL 11 1934</span></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Report of Special Agent E. L. Richmond, Chicago, Illinois, dated 7/2/34.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Agent interviewed Mr. James McGovern, alias James Burke, alias Harry Williams, alias Bill Williams, at Cook County jail where McGovern is held by the United States Secret Service in connection with a counterfeit case.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">McGovern stated that he had been an inmate at Joliet penitentiary from March 5, 1929 to January 26,</p>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <i>S. P. Cowley</i>  <small>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</small> </div>	COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: <div style="margin-top: 10px;">                     3 - Division                      2 - St. Paul                      5 - Chicago                 </div>		RECORDED AND INDEXED <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> <b>7-576-2341</b>                      JUL 9 - 1934                      JUL 9 - 1934 A M                      JUL 21 1934                 </div>

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1934, and that while there he spent most of his time in the hospital. In the hospital he became very well acquainted with Dr. Joseph Moran, and since his, McGovern's, release from Joliet he has visited Dr. Moran on very many occasions, and for a period of two months during February and March he was in Dr. Moran's office daily. While there McGovern stated he had seen a man called "Slim" and that Slim wore the livery of a chauffeur or taxi driver. When McGovern was shown a picture of Slim Gray he stated that that was the Slim who wore the livery of a chauffeur. When McGovern was asked if he knew of a man named Izzie, he asked, "Do you mean Ollie Berg?" Agent showed McGovern a photograph of two men standing front of a Cadillac sedan, which picture is identified in this office as photograph "E". McGovern identified the man on the right hand side of the picture as Ollie Berg, and stated that Ollie Berg had been connected with Hymie Overholtz in a big diamond robbery, but that Berg had been released on a writ of habeas corpus. He stated that Ollie Berg was the man known as Izzie, and that he had seen him several times at Dr. Moran's office. He stated that he did not know his present whereabouts.

In this connection it may be noted that Roy Gray is known by the Chicago police as a jewelry thief.

At the Chicago police station Agent visited the Bureau of Identification, located at 11th and State Street, Room 501. The only record this bureau had was a picture of a man named Oliver A. Berg, who resembled very much the picture identified by McGovern. According to the records of that office Berg was received at Joliet some time in 1927 for a sentence of one to ten years for robbery at Champaign, Illinois. He was released on a writ and at the present time there is a wanted notice on file at the Bureau of Identification stating that he is wanted by Chief Shoemaker of the Chicago Police Department as a fugitive from the Illinois State Penitentiary.

The description of Berg, in 1927, is as follows:

Age	-	48 years
Height	-	5'7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Weight	-	143 pounds
Nationality	-	American Jew
Scars	-	Tattoo - outline of heart
and letters "O. M." on front left forearm.	-	Ridge of nose injured.

In Room 601, Chicago Police Department, which is the Bureau of Records, no information could be obtained on Berg.

McGovern also identified the picture of the man on the right in photograph "E" as being a man who closely resembled a Mr. Horan. McGovern stated that Horan is secretary of the janitors' union and that he was engaged to marry the sister of the girl whom Dr. Moran was engaged to marry. He could give no further information as to Horan.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

Chicago office will interview Detective James Alcott in charge of jewelry thefts, at the Chicago Police Department and will attempt to locate Horan, secretary of the janitors' union.

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IN DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

From: Division #1  
Room 418

7-10-1938

To:

- ☐ Director
- ☐ Mr. Nathan
- ☐ Mr. Tolson
- ☐ Mr. Clegg
- ☐ Mr. Edwards
- ☐ Unit Two
- ☐ Unit Four
- ☐ Files Section
- ☐ Personnel Files Section
- ☐ Equipment Section
- ☐ Chief Clerk's Office
- ☐ Unit Five
- ☐ Identification Unit
- ☐ Statistical Section
- ☐ Mr. Appel
- ☐ Mr. Baughman
- ☐ Mr. Cowley
- ☐ Mr. Little
- ☐ Mr. Magee
- ☐ Mr. Stapleton
- ☐ Miss Gandy
- ☐ Washington Field Office
- ☐ Stenographic Pool
- ☐ Correct
- ☐ Re-write
- ☐ Re-date

*Let me have 1 doz photo and  
abstracts of criminal record  
of Berg. for memo concerning  
this individual.*

V. W. Hughes  
Room 418.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

LCS:EB

July 16, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM. *W*

In response to the request of Unit One, as indicated on the attached routing slip, I am enclosing one dozen photographs of Oliver A. Berg, mentioned in the Bremer kidnaping case. There are also attached twelve copies of the criminal record of this person as reflected by our files.

Respectfully,

*L. C. Schilder*

L. C. Schilder.

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RE: AIT  
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July 19, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I. O. #1218, ARTHUR R. BARKER,  
with aliases, I. O. #1219, ET AL,  
Edward George Bremer - Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

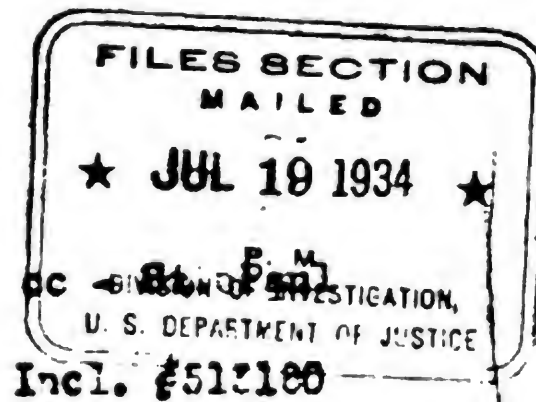
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
E. L. Richmond, dated at Chicago, Illinois, July 5, 1934,  
wherein it is noted that the man known as "Izzie" has been  
identified as Oliver A. Berg, Illinois State Penitentiary  
No. 1431. Copies of the photograph of this individual  
and copies of his criminal record are inclosed herewith  
for your information.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



for Serial 2471



U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois

July 6th, 1934

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER,  
with aliases, I.O. 1219, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to your letter of July 3rd, 1934,  
in which you enclose a copy of a criminal record of Joseph  
B. Moran, whom you believe to be identical with Joseph P.  
Moran, now sought in the above entitled matter.

Please be advised that Joseph B. Moran is identical  
with Joseph P. Moran.

I am enclosing herewith a photograph of Moran secured  
from the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois.

#2382-E

Very truly yours,

S. P. Cowley  
S. P. COWLEY

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CC-Mr. Clegg  
St. Paul

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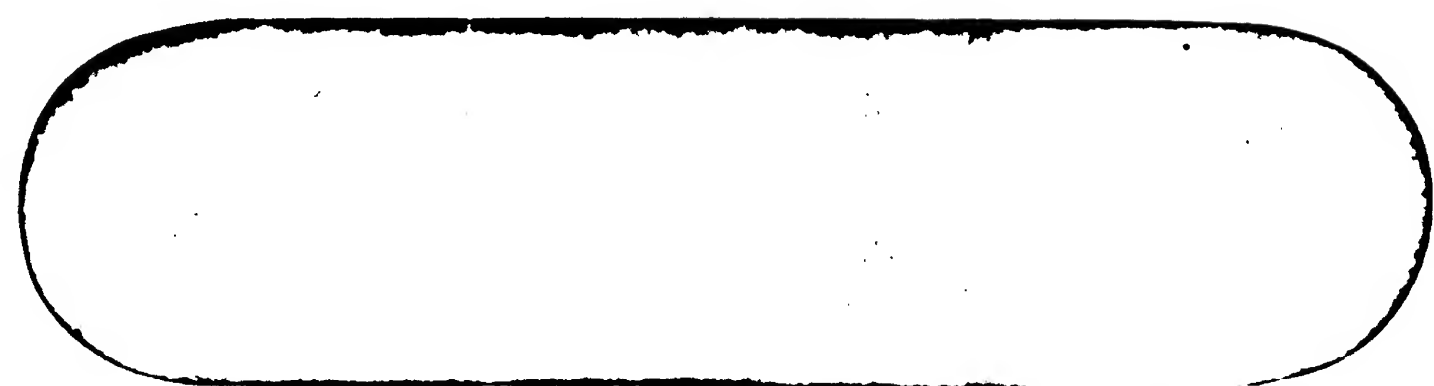




DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
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JOSEPH E. MORAN.



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7-576-2342

July 24, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O.  
#1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with  
aliases, I. O. #1219, ET AL.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

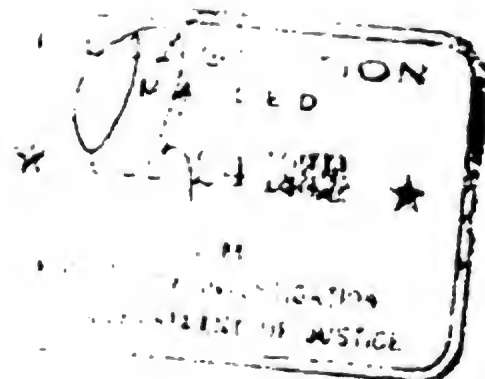
There are enclosed herewith copies of the  
photograph of Dr. Joseph B. Moran, #2382-F, Illinois  
State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois, together with the  
original which was furnished the Division with your letter  
dated July 6, 1934. Additional copies of this photograph  
are also being furnished to the offices indicated below.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure 557210

cc - St. Paul  
Kansas City  
Oklahoma City  
Salt Lake City  
Detroit  
San Francisco





P.O.Box 515, St.Paul,Minn.

July 6, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIE KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O.#1219;  
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.  
-KIDNAPING-  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Referring to your letter of recent date requesting photographs of MYRTLE KATON, I am enclosing herewith two snapshots which are good likenesses of her.

Very truly yours,

D.M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P.O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

July 6, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 709,  
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. # 1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,  
I.O. # 1219, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

This office has been making an extensive effort to locate one MYRTLE KATON of St. Paul, Minnesota, and Des Moines, Iowa, who is described as: Age, about 35; height, 5'2"; weight, 135 pounds or heavier; hair, black; eyes, gray, and who for a number of years has been the paramour of ANDREW ROTHMEYER, a saloon keeper in St. Paul. It has been learned that members of the KARPIS and BARKER gang frequented the KATON women's apartment No. 104 at 565 Portland Avenue, St. Paul, prior to the kidnaping of EDWARD BREMER.

One of the members of this gang who so visited MYRTLE KATON was PHOENIX DONALD, better known as BILL WEAVER, now identified as the finger man in the kidnaping. WEAVER became infatuated with MYRTLE KATON and warned ROTHMEYER to stay away from her or he would kill him. WEAVER has gone so far as to kidnap MYRTLE and take her away on trips with him, and she has confided in friends that she is very much afraid of him.

Repeated efforts have been made to ascertain from ANDY ROTHMEYER the present whereabouts of MYRTLE KATON and BILL WEAVER, the former of whom disappeared from St. Paul the fore part of January 1934. ROTHMEYER denies knowing her whereabouts or having heard from her since she disappeared; however, it has been learned that on June 22, 1934 he had part of her furniture removed from her apartment and stored in the Ballard Storage Company at St. Paul under his own name, and a small part of her furniture sent to his apartment.

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ROTHMEYER was last questioned at this office on July 2, 1934 and still denied knowing the whereabouts of MYRTLE KATON or hearing from her. ROTHMEYER left St. Paul on the early morning of July 3rd to drive to Portland, Oregon, with his wife and family. His wife's maiden name was ANNA FISHER and her folks reside at Seapooose, Columbia County, Oregon. The ROTHMEYERS expect to visit them.

More recent information has been obtained that MYRTLE KATON has communicated with ANDY ROTHMEYER by telephone twice within the last 30 days, and on the last occasion about 10 days before he left. She is alleged to have advised him as to the whereabouts of her Buick car, which ROTHMEYER is said to have given to her. ROTHMEYER secured this car and is now using it on his trip to Oregon. This car is said to be in ROTHMEYER'S name.

ROTHMEYER further claimed when last questioned that before MYRTLE KATON left St. Paul she borrowed \$400.00 from him, but it has now been learned that ROTHMEYER has been broke and it was even necessary for his wife to pay the \$200.00 taxes on their property. MYRTLE is alleged, by gold-digging tactics, to have obtained between \$7000 and \$10,000 from ROTHMEYER over the last several years.

ROTHMEYER should arrive in Seapooose, Oregon, sometime during the latter part of the week of July 9th, at which time he should be questioned by your office as to the whereabouts of MYRTLE KATON. It should be impressed on ROTHMEYER that the Division has positive information that he has been in communication with the KATON woman, and if further denials are made by him that this Division intends to take stringent action to curb his activities in St. Paul.

For your information, ROTHMEYER is described as being 42 years of age; height, 5' 9"; weight, 225 pounds; hair, black; eyes, dark; complexion, dark; occupation, saloon keeper.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CCB:ACF  
CC Division



REN:ps

July 7, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Identification  
Order #1218, ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,  
Identification Order #1219, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM. Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

In view of the frequent contacts which members of the Barker-Karpis gang, and other well known gangs, make with Louis Cernocky at Fox River Grove, Illinois, it is deemed advisable to conduct appropriate investigation with a view to fully developing all available information concerning the subscribers of telephones called by long distance from the telephone located at the Crystal Ball Room, which is operated by Cernocky. It appears from the report of Special Agent W. C. Ryan, dated at Chicago, Illinois, April 5, 1934, submitted in the case entitled Harvey J. Bailey, with aliases, et al., Obstruction of Justice (Release of Federal Prisoner Harvey J. Bailey), that the long distance telephone calls made from Cary 65 had been obtained for the period August 15, 1933 to September 14, 1933. It further appears that the long distance telephone calls made from this same number for the period December 26, 1933 to February 12, 1934, are listed in the report of Special Agent J. L. Madala, dated at Chicago, Illinois, March 10, 1934 in the above entitled case. The telephone calls for the period September 15, 1933 to December 25, 1933 have not yet been reported.

It is believed that more than a routine investigation should be made of the subscribers for all telephone numbers called who are located in Lake and McHenry Counties, Illinois, and all subscribers located in Wisconsin. It is believed that a thorough investigation, as outlined above, will produce information of considerable value to the Division.

cc-St. Paul

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JUL 7	Very truly yours, L. S. C. INVESTIGATION JUL 9 1934 Director.
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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

420 Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

June 5, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Pursuant to telephonic request from the Division (Mr. Tamm), I am submitting herewith a photograph of ROBERT LEO DELGADO, Dallas Police Department #7150. The following information was furnished by Harry T. Riddell of the Identification Bureau, Dallas Police Department - who knows Delgado personally:

He is the son of the founder of Delgado Chili Products Co. of Dallas and nephew of Mike Lively, prominent attorney in Dallas. At one time Delgado worked as an investigator for the District Attorney at Houston, Texas under the name of ROBERT DELL. He worked for several Dallas undertakers in 1928, and during that time owned an interest in a small undertaking establishment near Baylor Hospital in Dallas. He was not a licensed embalmer at that time. He served in the U.S. Army in the Philippine Islands as Private Robert Dell, Company G, 31st Infantry, and was stationed at Manila in 1929. About March of that year Dell admitted to the military authorities at Manila that he was wanted in Dallas, Texas for murder committed at the corner of Ervay St. and Sanger Ave., and that a man was about to go to the electric chair for this murder.

Investigation by the Dallas Police Dept. disclosed that the only murder on record at Ervay St. and Sanger Ave. was that of one Hugh Martin, Jr., for which murder Clarence Carter of Dallas was tried and found not guilty. Investigation further revealed that Robert Dell (Robert Delgado) was an ambulance driver for a local undertaking establishment and had answered a call to the scene of the killing.

Delgado has a sister and aged mother living in Dallas at this time. He looks like an Italian but is full blood or nearly full blood Spanish.

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Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake,  
Special Agent in Charge.



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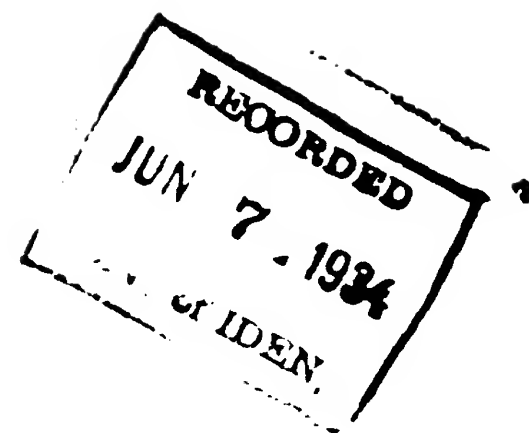
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RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219;  
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

For your information, there are transmitted herewith copies of a letter dated June 5, 1934, addressed to the Division by the Dallas Office, together with copies of the photograph of Robert Leo Dalgado, Dallas Police Department #7250, referred to therein. This appears to be the individual who accompanied Mr. W. St. Gordon, of the Burns Detective Agency into Oklahoma and Texas for the alleged purpose of locating subjects Barker and Karpis.

There is enclosed an abstract of the criminal record of this individual, as reflected by the files of the Identification Unit of this Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Dallas

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

July 5, 1933

Chief of Police  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your print received July 1, 1933, regarding  
Robert Delgado, #C-49702, the following is an abstract of  
subject's fingerprint record on file in the United States  
Bureau of Investigation:

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Additional notations:

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover  
Director

Refer to File #28131.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

From IDENTIFICATION UNIT

6/8/ 1934.

To: \_\_\_\_\_ Director  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Nathan  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Tolson  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Clegg  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Miss Gandy  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Chief, Unit \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Chief Clerk  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Printing Section  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Files  
 XXX Mr. Tamm *SW*

*1.32*  
 It does not appear from this letter that we should have received it over here first. However, since it did come over, I am attaching two extra copies of the complete record sheet in this case for your reference. We have no photograph in our own file on Delgado and, therefore, when you are through with the case, possibly you may wish to return the attached photograph here, so that we can produce some for our records, this, of course, provided the matter is of sufficient interest to warrant special attention.

*WCS*  
 L. C. Schilder.

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TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. 1219; et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Paul Lauer, Springvalley, Illinois, nephew of Doc Moran, reported contacting Moran once each week in Chicago hotel. Photograph of Jimmie Wilson secured.

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**DETAILS:**

On May 5th, 1934, this office received a letter from Mr. H. F. Ugel, 5220 Division Street, Chicago, Illinois, which letter suggested the possibility that Dr. Joseph P. Moran of 4861 Irving Park Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, was doing medical work for the Dillinger group. He also suggested that he had information to the effect that Dr. Moran had connections with the Touhy gang.

On June 19, 1934, Special Agent S. P. Cowley interviewed Mr. Ugel and he furnished substantially the same information as already contained in the files of this office.

**DETAILS:**

He advised further, however, that one Dr. W. C. Steele of Depue, Illinois, is a very good friend of Dr. Moran and that some time ago Dr. Moran asked Dr. Steele, who is a dentist, to come to Chicago and to occupy an adjoining office with Dr. Moran. It is understood that Dr. Steele is familiar with the past criminal record of Dr. Moran and that he was not averse to coming to Chicago on account of Dr. Moran's prior criminal record, but his reason for remaining in Depue was the fact that he has a very good setup there. It appears that Dr. Steele might countenance the illegal conduct of Dr. Moran.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>S. P. Cowley</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>7-576-2347</b> UNITED STATES <b>JUL 9 - 1934 AM</b> BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: FILE	RECORDED AND INDEXED <b>JUL 9 - 1934</b> CHECKED OFF: <b>JUL 10 1934</b> JACKETED:
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It was thought that it might be advisable to either place a mail cover on the mail of Dr. W. C. Steele at Depue, or to interview him personally.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent K. R. McIntire at Depue, Springvalley and Peru, Illinois.

In the belief that Dr. W. C. Steele might have information of value concerning Doc Moran, it was considered advisable to interview him. He stated that he had known Doc Moran for a number of years by reputation in the vicinity of Springvalley, Illinois; that Dr. Moran practiced medicine in Depue, Illinois, in 1932, from which place his parole was revoked and he was returned to the Illinois State Penitentiary. He stated that he has never been intimate with Dr. Moran, but that in February of 1934, Dr. Moran called him, Steele, from Chicago, asking Steele to come to Chicago, since he, Dr. Moran, had a proposition to make to him. On that visit Dr. Moran attempted to get Dr. Steele to come into his, Moran's, office. Moran told Steele that he had a large volume of business and that he could secure the same for Steele. At the time of this visit, Dr. Steele met a dental salesman by the name of Wiegand, who was a salesman for the S. S. White Dental Supply Company, Chicago, Illinois. Wiegand advised Steele against a professional association with Dr. Moran. Wiegand advised Steele that it was his impression that Dr. Moran was treating patients for venereal diseases, and also was conducting abortions. Dr. Steele advised that he again saw Dr. Moran in Chicago in March of 1934. He stated, however, that during his visit with Moran at the latter's office, he saw practically no one. He denied having seen numerous men and denied also seeing any persons fitting the descriptions of any of the subjects or suspects of this case. All the photographs were shown to him, but he declared that he had seen none of these individuals. During these visits Moran advised Steele that he, Moran, was going with a girl by the name of Betty Tracey, reported to be the niece of Secretary of State Hughes of Illinois. He also advised Steele that he planned to get a position at the Illinois State Hospital and that he thought he could get this position through his friendship with the niece of Secretary of State Hughes. Steele declared that these are the only two times he has seen Dr. Moran since his release from the penitentiary, stating further that Moran never corresponds with him and that there is no likelihood that he will in the future. Steele declared that Dr. James Moran, the brother of Dr. Joseph Moran, dislikes Joseph very heartily due to Dr. Joseph Moran's practicing abortions.

Information reported previously by this office disclosed that Rita Orlandini came to Chicago about the time of the disappearance



of Doc Moran on April 27, 1934, to serve him as a nurse, and it was understood that she made her contact with Doc Moran through Dr. Steele. Dr. Steele advised in this connection that when he was visiting Dr. Moran in Chicago the latter, knowing the Orlandini woman and knowing her to be a nurse, suggested to Dr. Steele that if he should see Rita Orlandini he should tell her that he, Dr. Moran, could use her in Chicago as his nurse. Dr. Steele declared that he has known Rita Orlandini for a number of years and that he merely met her on the street in either Depue or Springvalley, Illinois, and told her that Dr. Moran had a position for her. He declared, when informed of her failure to locate Dr. Moran in Chicago, that she has never come to him since he told her to go to Chicago.

Dr. Steele declared that a few days prior to Agent's visit with him, he, Steele, had a visit with Marty Keegan, Illinois State Parole Officer, located at Pontiac, Illinois, at which time Keegan told him, Steele, that James Wilson had "skipped out" of Chicago over a money matter, and no further information was forthcoming on this subject from Dr. Steele. He advised, however, that it might be advisable to interview Marty Keegan on this subject. Steele further stated that when he visited Moran in Chicago, the latter informed him, Steele, that he, Moran, had a connection with a "big shot" in the Teamsters Union and could give Dr. Steele lots of business. It is observed that at one time Eddie "Father" McFadden was connected with the Teamsters Union at Maywood, Illinois, and it is further observed that McFadden is a member of the Touhy gang. It is also noted that Betty Tracey, to whom Doc Moran is alleged to be engaged, is a niece of McFadden.

Dr. Steele further advised that in February, 1934, James Wilson rode from Springvalley, Illinois, to Chicago with Archie Steele, a brother of Dr. Steele, at which time James Wilson told Archie Steele that Doc Moran had taken care of members of the Touhy gang. No further information was obtainable along this line. Archie Steele is now living at 617 Maryland Street, Gary, Indiana. It is believed advisable to interview him in the very near future.

Dr. Steele advised that Moran is very cordial with Kate Lauer, his sister, and that if he corresponds with anyone, he will correspond with her. Dr. Steele advised that he attended high school with James Wilson, although the latter was several years behind him in school. He gave the following description of James Wilson:

Age	26 (born November 8, 1907)
Height	5' 6"
Weight	165 lbs.
Hair	Medium light with a tendency to be sandy; wavy; hair gives the appearance of having been marcelled.
Eyes	Perhaps blue-grey
Features	Face round, cheeks rosy
Complexion	Fair
Peculiarities	"Wise guy" type
Education	Attended Northwestern University, Chicago, for about a year.

It was apparent that Dr. Steele was conscientious in his statements, since he bears a splendid reputation in his community, and it is further observed that he is the brother-in-law of Allen C. Tyler, Superintendent of the Hall Township High School. He was eager to assist this Agent and introduced Agent to Mr. Tyler at a very late hour in the night, so that Agent could obtain a photograph of James Wilson. He further stated that he will keep his eyes open and if any information comes to him he will immediately advise this office. He was, therefore, furnished the address of the Chicago Division office.

Mr. Allen C. Tyler, Superintendent of the Hall Township High School, Springvalley, Illinois, furnished Agent with one large photograph of James Wilson and two smaller photographs. Copies of the same are now being prepared and will be furnished interested offices in the near future. Mr. Tyler's position in the school would be jeopardized if it should become known that he furnished this Agent information, and he therefore requested that when the original photographs are returned, they be mailed to Dr. W. C. Steele at Depue, Illinois, who will in turn transmit them to Mr. Tyler to be returned to the School.

Mr. Tyler informed that Jimmie Wilson was graduated from the above mentioned school in 1925; that his birthday is November 8, 1907. He stated that Dr. James Moran is no longer on the school board of the Hall Township High School. He further advised that undoubtedly Rita Orlandini is on the level and that she has a sister, Mrs. George Dyer, who is a school nurse at the Hall Township High School. He advised that Mrs. Kate Lauer has three sons who are very bad characters, John, age 20, Paul, 18, and Joseph, age 15. John Lauer is now located at a C.C.C. camp in the vicinity of Springfield, Illinois, but is expected

to return home within a short time. It is believed possible that Dr. Moran may be in communication with his sister, Kate Lauer, through her son, John Lauer. Paul Lauer is now at home, having returned from the coal mines near Taylorville, Illinois.

Efforts were made to ascertain whether or not Dr. Moran belonged to any fraternal organizations or carried any life insurance, but all persons interviewed, advised that it was very doubtful that he carried life insurance or belonged to any such organizations, due to the fact that he fails always to pay his bills.

It was further ascertained from Dr. Steele that during February and March of 1934 Dr. Moran was driving a Chrysler sedan, the description of which was not known, nor was it known whether this Chrysler sedan actually belonged to Dr. Moran.

It was ascertained during Agent's visit in Depue and Springvalley that William Doig, Chief of Police at Springvalley, would be a reliable source of information, despite previous reports to the contrary. He introduced this Agent to Mr. L. H. Luther, Assistant Cashier of the Springvalley City Bank. Both William Doig and L. H. Luther are much interested in the apprehension of Doc Moran. Mr. Luther advised that Doc Moran at one time carried a small checking account in the Springvalley City Bank, and that on April 23, 1934, he cashed a check for approximately \$30.00 drawn on said bank to the Steinway Drug Company 4736 Irving Park Boulevard. Luther stated that there were no endorsements on the check and it is believed for this reason that Dr. Moran may be known at the Steinway Drug Company.

William Doig, Chief of Police, Springvalley, Illinois, was able to ascertain that the telephone number at the home of Kate Lauer is 201-R-2. This telephone is not listed and it was observed that this phone was placed in the home of Kate Lauer by Dr. Moran shortly before his disappearance on April 27, 1934. Contrary to previous information, it was observed that Mr. Doig is very much opposed to Dr. James Moran, due to the fact that he had difficulties with Dr. James Moran when he, Doig, placed two of Moran's sons in jail for disturbing the peace. He stated that Tom Moran, the son of Dr. James Moran, is somewhat of a drunkard, and that while on one of his drunks Tom Moran mentioned to Doig that Jimmie Wilson at one time went into Wisconsin for the purpose of bringing a couple of Dillinger's men to Chicago. Doig stated that it would be impossible to secure any further information along this line from Tom Moran, since he would immediately become suspicious.



At the Post Office in Springvalley, Illinois, Agent interviewed A. L. Faletti, Postmaster, and James Doyle, Assistant Postmaster. It was learned that at one time James Wilson was married to Lucile Lindenmeyer, who is from Peru, Illinois. It is understood that she is now living in Chicago with a married sister whose husband is reported to run a beer joint, but whose address is not known. It was suggested during Agent's investigation at Depue and Springvalley, Illinois, that Jimmie Wilson may at times get in touch with her. Mr. Doyle advised that he has a brother living in Chicago through whom he will immediately make efforts to learn the location of the Lindenmeyer woman. Faletti and Doyle advised that a Mrs. Rose Buck, a charwoman at the Post Office, lives next door to Kate Lauer, and that Kate Lauer dropped the information to her that Paul Lauer goes to Chicago once each week and meets Doc Moran in some hotel. His last visit was on Wednesday, June 20th. This information is significant in view of the fact that shortly after the disappearance of Doc Moran, Kate Lauer expressed much concern over his unexplained absence and made statements to the effect that she did not know how she would secure her livelihood without the assistance of Doc Moran. She has now told Mrs. Buck that since Doc Moran has been located she is getting along all right and that her son Paul brings home money and clothing from Doc Moran in Chicago. This Agent will proceed to Springvalley immediately and make efforts to trail Paul Lauer to Chicago in order to learn the location of Doc Moran. Mr. Doyle described Paul Lauer as follows:

Age	17 or 18
Height	5' 7"
Weight	145 to 150 lbs.
Hair	Chestnut

Mr. Doyle further advised that Doc Moran has a sister, Mrs. Leslie M. Brock, now living in Princeton, Indiana. He further stated that the former wife of Doc Moran is now Mrs. Ann Stein, and that she is now living in Indianapolis, Indiana, at an unknown address. Doyle knows Mrs. Stein personally and stated that she is tubercular and that she now has nothing to do with Doc Moran and nothing could be gained by interviewing her.

Doyle further stated that he had learned from some forgotten source that James Wilson is now carrying a gun. He further stated that Wilson's aunt, Mrs. James Barrowman, lives in Chicago and that her husband is on the Chicago Police Department. Barrowman is a brother of the mother of James Wilson.

From Chief of Police Doig, it was further ascertained that in the summer of 1933 Lucile Lindenmeyer underwent an operation at the Peoples Hospital in Peru, Illinois. In the belief that she may have given some Chicago references where she might now be located, Agent examined the records at the Peoples Hospital in Peru, but the same failed to disclose any information with regard to Chicago.

In this connection, Agent interviewed Mr. C. J. Hoscheit, Assistant Postmaster, Peru, Illinois. He stated that he is well acquainted with the Lindenmeyer family and particularly well acquainted with Mrs. Ruth Bry, a sister of Lucile Lindenmeyer. He called Mrs. Bry by phone in an effort to learn the address of Lucile Lindenmeyer in Chicago, but Mrs. Bry informed him that she did not have the address; that Lucile occasionally stays with a sister in Chicago and at other times it is not known where she stays. Mr. Hoscheit advised that the girls in the Lindenmeyer family are a very "high-stepping" type and that it would be impossible to secure any information through them. He stated, however, that through his carriers he will secure the address of Lucile Lindenmeyer in Chicago within the next few days, and will advise this office accordingly.

For the assistance of offices not having previous information, the following is a personal description of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, who is referred to in this report as Doc Moran:

Age	40 to 41 yrs.
Height	5' 10"
Weight	180 lbs.
Complexion	Sallow
Hair	Sandy
Eyes	Blue
Beard	Clean shaven
Eyeglasses	Does not wear glasses
Appearance	Is a good dresser, usually wearing light brown suits
Features	Face is thin, but has a rounded chin.
Peculiarities	Walks with long strides and is a very rapid walker.

The photograph and handwriting specimen of Doc Moran are being forwarded herewith to the Indianapolis, St. Louis and Omaha offices.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

LAH:vg

June 28, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TALL. 

With reference to telephonic request of Mr. Newby made on June 27, 1934, there are transmitted herewith six copies of an abstract of the complete criminal record of one Ed T. Egan, #29469, United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Six copies of a photograph appearing on the fingerprint card received from the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas on April 6, 1928, will be transmitted under separate cover.

Respectfully,

*L. C. Schilder*

L. C. Schilder.

*per L. A. Hince*

*Sender*

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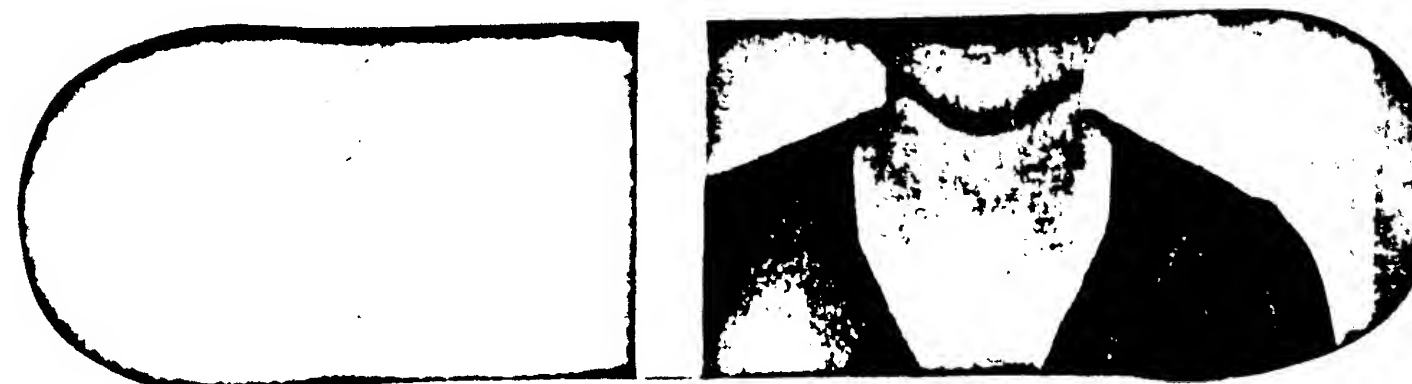
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H. H. CLEGG

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Age: 35 years (1934)  
Height: 5 feet 5 inches  
Weight: 125 pounds (1930), reported to be much heavier at the present time.  
Eyes: Gray  
Hair: Black  
Complexion: Sallow  
Fingerprint Classification:  $\frac{1}{2} \frac{U}{U} \frac{00}{00} \frac{15}{10}$

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #551223

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P.O.Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

July 18, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O.  
#1219; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim. - KIDNAPING-  
St. Paul File No. 7-30

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter received on July 17, 1934, by the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, from JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, who is presently confined in the Ramsey County Jail. This letter deals with the \$375.00 which was taken from JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, JR., at the time of his arrest at Chicago, Illinois, part of which was BREMER ransom money.

JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, Sr., in his letter, requests that the money which is not ransom money be returned to his family.

Very truly yours,

D.M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Sunday, July 15 1934

Mr. Geo. Sullivan  
U.S. Dist. Atty.

My dear Sullivan when my son Jack was picked up in Chicago he had \$375.00 of which the Gov. Agents said \$85.00 was money from here. if that is so why cant my folks, my wife get what is not identified as Ransom money as they need it very badly, they forced to ask for charity and have been forced to move on account not paying rent. I wrote to Mr. Purvis in Chicago. I wish you would please have realase it as they need it very badly. and thanking you

I am your

John J. McLaughlin

Ramsey Co. Jail

P.S. Please let me here -

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri  
July 18, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 1457  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218,  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to communication from the St. Louis office to the St. Paul office under date of March 10, 1934, relative to the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al, Edward George Bremer, Victim, Kidnaping, a copy of which was received by the Kansas City office.

As requested therein, Special Agent H. E. Andersen of this office interviewed Edward Doll at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, for the purpose of determining whether he would name any of the hide-outs which he or other members of his gang had intended to use in their kidnaping activities. Doll stated that in the summer of 1933, while at Gary, Indiana, with Eddie Bentz, White Anderson (Baby Face Nelson), Wayne White and a brother of Jack Pfeiffer of St. Paul, Minnesota, he was to provide the hide-out when the son of Ex-Governor Small of Illinois was kidnapped at Kankakee. He said that he had previously arranged with a former convict at Lincoln, Illinois, to keep the Ex-Governor's son in custody in the latter's place at Lincoln.

Doll was questioned in an attempt to secure the name of the ex-convict, but stated he was certain that this individual had nothing to do with providing hide-outs for other kidnapers, therefore, said that he did not care to divulge the name of this man.

NOTE: Doll claimed that he had no other information relative to

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hide-outs used by his friends and associates in connection with holding kidnaped victims.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

H.A:B

cc - Division

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EXPOSITION July 19, 1934.

J C NEWMAN  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
422 MIDLAND BUILDING  
DENVER COLORADO

YOUR LETTER JULY TWELVE REQUEST ADVISE LABORATORY EXAMINATION DESIRED ON  
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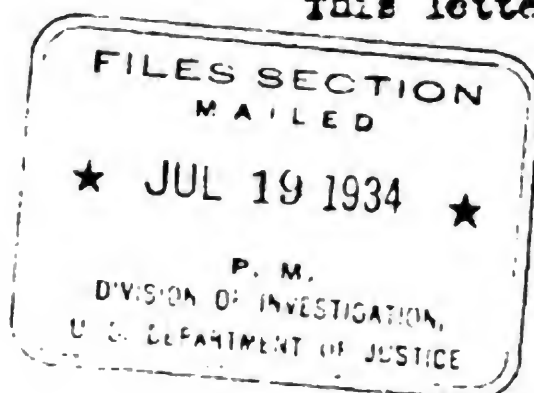
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I. O. #1218, ARTHUR R. BARKER,  
with aliases, I. O. #1219, ET AL,  
Edward George Bremer - Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

There have been frequent references made to one  
Tommy Gannon in connection with the above entitled case  
and from the information furnished concerning this individual  
it has not been possible to identify his criminal record in  
the files of the Identification Unit. Therefore, you should  
ascertain and furnish the Division with any information  
which may assist in locating such a record.

This letter should receive immediate attention.

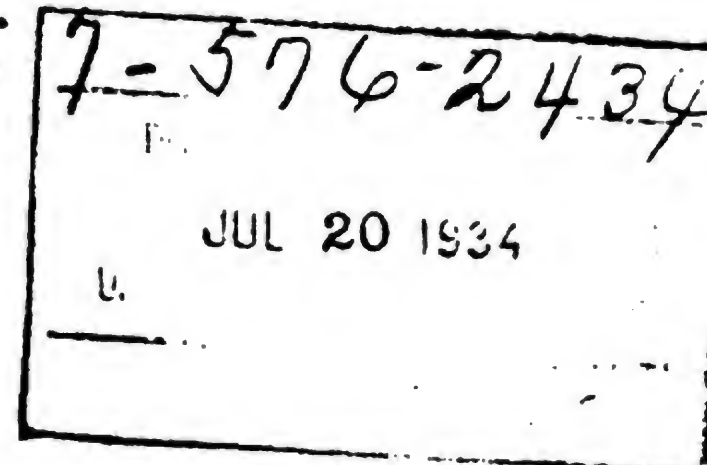


Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

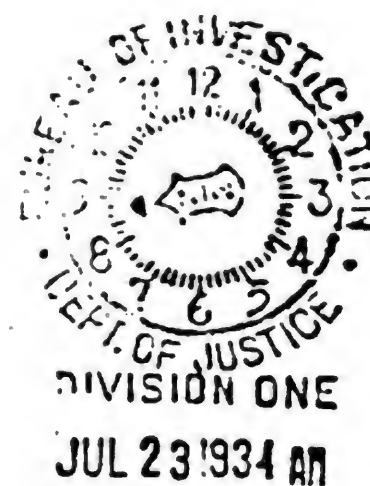
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Director  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219; ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Kindly refer to the report of Special Agent M. C. Spear submitted in this case under date of July 19, 1934, as well as the report of Special Agent R. H. Simons, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, July 16, 1934.

You will note the statement in the report of Special Agent Spear to the effect that John T. Glynn, Private Detective, of Leavenworth, Kansas, allegedly a contact man for the KARPIS-BARKER GANG, is supposed to spend considerable time at the Riverside Race Track, located near Kansas City, Missouri. It is rather a well known fact that the Riverside Race Track is owned mostly by Tom Pendergast, Democratic political boss of Kansas City, Missouri, and the late John Lazia, who was, until his recent "spot" murder, known to be the right hand man of Pendergast.

In view of this fact it is believed that Glynn had connections with the Lazia element in Kansas City. The possibility of endeavoring to definitely establish such relationship through contacts in Kansas City, Missouri has been considered. However, it appears that any inquiries to establish such connection between Glynn and the Lazia organization would result in the information being immediately relayed to the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, which has allegedly been controlled by Lazia. This is not believed desirable. Accordingly, it is believed inadvisable to endeavor to make inquiries to establish such a connection between Glynn and the Lazia organization.

As is noted in the report of Agent Simons, the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department indicate that it is their belief that Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker participated in the "spot" murder of John Lazia, and hence they are extremely anxious to effect the apprehension of these individuals.

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hension of these individuals. The alleged connection of Karpis and Barker with the Lazia murder has appeared in the newspapers in this vicinity and hence should be quite well known.

During Agent Spear's interviews relative to Glynn, it seemed to be the impressions of the individuals interviewed that Glynn is quite mercenary, and that his efforts are put forth in behalf of criminals for remuneration and not for friendship. The thought has occurred that if Glynn was friendly with the Lazia organization he would probably be interested in effecting the apprehension of the slayers of Lazia, because in doing so he would strengthen his connection with the remaining members of the Lazia organization and with the present Kansas City, Missouri Police Department.

From the numerous sources throughout the country, as reflected in communications given as references to report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, above described, it seems very probable that John T. Glynn is either aware of the present whereabouts of members of the Karpis-Barker Gang, or is in such a position that he could ascertain such whereabouts. It is thought, therefore, that it might be advisable to openly interview John T. Glynn relative to the whereabouts of the members of the Karpis-Barker Gang, at which time mention would be made to him of the fact that this Division is in a position to pay \$500.00 each for information leading to the apprehension of Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis, this being pursuant to Division letter dated July 9, 1934, to the Kansas City Office. The suggestion of this open interview with Glynn is made under the possibility that Glynn might be interested in cooperating with this Division in locating Karpis and Barker if he knew that by doing so he would make \$1000.00, and would, at the same time, better his relations and connections with the Lazia organization in Kansas City, Missouri, and the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department.

It is thought that if such an open interview with Glynn appears to be advisable to the Division that the same should be made in the near future, as in the event the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department obtain information later which would eliminate Karpis and Barker as suspects in the Lazia killing, the probabilities of obtaining successful results through an open contact with Glynn would be lessened.

It is respectfully requested that the Division advise this office if such an open interview with Glynn is desired. Of course,



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in the meantime, investigation will be continued to obtain any information relative to the whereabouts of the members of the Karpis-Barker gang through watching the cover on the mail of John T. Glynn, and through other contacts made in Leavenworth, Kansas, as mentioned in Special Agent Spear's report.

Very truly yours,



R. B. NATHAN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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2 - Mr. Cowley, Chicago

# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO. **7-27**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Kansas City, Mo.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>7-19-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>7-10 to 18-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>M. C. SPEAR</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219, ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Information obtained at Leavenworth, Kansas, indicates John T. Glynn, private detective, and who has been in police work for past 30 years, having formerly been Chief of Police at Leavenworth, is generally known as a "fixer" of pardons and paroles for inmates at various penal institutions; is said to be shrewd and contacts supposedly made at St. Joseph, Missouri, and possibly Omaha, Nebraska, although exact meeting places of Glynn at those towns not known to persons interviewed. Review of telegrams sent by Glynn during 1933 and 1934 fails to reflect any pertinent information of whereabouts of Karpis-Barker gang; however, definitely indicate connection with Volney Davis and Lloyd Barker, brother of Fred and Arthur, now incarcerated in United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. Review of closed Kansas City files on Q. P. McGee and Herman Barker fail to reflect additional contacts of Barkers not already known.

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**REFERENCES:**

Report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, 2-20-34; Letter from Oklahoma City Office to Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, dated 4-4-34; Division letter dated April 25, 1934; Report of Special Agent Paul Hansen, Oklahoma City, dated 5-10-34; Division letter to Oklahoma City Office dated July 11, 1934, and Division Letter dated July 12, 1934.

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DETAILS:

Pursuant to above mentioned reference communications investigation was made at Leavenworth, Kansas, in an endeavor to ascertain all information possible relative to John T. Glynn, a Private Detective, in that city, who is allegedly a contact for the BARKER-KARPIS Gang.

Interview was had with F. G. Zerbst, Warden of the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, and he advised that John T. Glynn resides at 311 Chestnut Street, Leavenworth, Kansas, telephone number 1362, and that he has no office address so far as is known to Mr. Zerbst. Mr. Zerbst stated that formerly Glynn came to the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, frequently to make contacts for inmates, and it was generally known that Glynn was said to be a "fixer", and worked considerably in endeavors to obtain pardons and paroles for various individuals incarcerated in penal institutions. Since Mr. Zerbst's administration as Warden, Glynn's calls have been more infrequent, and for the past year Glynn has not been at the United States Penitentiary; that Warden Zerbst will not permit him to contact individuals in the prison unless in some instance the inmate himself may request Glynn to see him. Mr. Zerbst stated that Glynn is supposed to have contacts in St. Joseph, Missouri, where he often goes, although these contacts are unknown to Mr. Zerbst and he could not furnish any information as to how and through whom Glynn's contacts in St. Joseph might be ascertained.

While at the United States Penitentiary the Visitors Record of Lloyd Barker, Register Number 17243, was examined, this inmate being the brother of Fred and Arthur Barker, and it was noted that on January 24, 1933, Jack Glynn, who signed himself as "affiliated Lloyd Barker", Mr. Zerbst remarked that he recalled Jack Glynn indicated that this visit was made at the request of Congressman Cochran (of St. Louis, Missouri).

For future reference it may be noted that there is a John J. Glynn, who was an attorney at Leavenworth, Kansas, with an office in the First National Bank Building, and who resides at 1216 South 4th Street, Leavenworth, Kansas. However, subsequent investigation reflected that this individual is not related to John T. Glynn, the above mentioned detective. Mr. Zerbst, however, recalls that Lloyd Barker's visit was made by John J. Glynn.

Lloyd Barker's visitor record also reflected visits from his father "G. A. Barker", of Neosho, Missouri, on July 24, 1933, October 1, 1933 and January 1, 1934. This record indicates Barker had no further visits after January 1, 1934, other than a visit each by Special Agents A. E. Farland and E. E. Andersen, of this Division. Mr. Zerbst promised that in the event he obtained any further information relative to John T. Glynn which would be of assistance in the instant investigation to locate members of the KARPIS-BARKER Gang, this Division Office would be immediately notified.

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Interview was had with Mr. Tracy A. Hand, Postmaster at the Veterans Administration Home, Leavenworth, Kansas, Mr. Hand having formerly been an Under-Sheriff in Leavenworth, Kansas, and more recently a Deputy Warden at the State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas. Hand remarked that John T. Glynn was Chief of Police at Leavenworth, Kansas, from about 1925 to 1927. He stated that he had come into contact with Glynn a number of times while he, Hand, was a public official; further remarking that Glynn had several times called at the State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, while Hand was there in endeavors to obtain favors for prisoners in that Institution. Hand advised that Glynn was known as a "fixer"; was rather egotistical and that he claimed to have numerous influential friends through whom he could obtain favors in behalf of criminals and others; further adding that Glynn was shrewd. Hand also remarked that Glynn's specialty was supposed to be in detecting and apprehending pickpockets. Hand stated that Glynn spent a good part of his time during the Racing Season at the Riverside Track, located just outside of Kansas City, Missouri. Hand remarked that Glynn was the type of individual who would hire some old time pickpocket to come down to the Race Tracks during the races, at which time Glynn would apprehend him and obtain publicity in the papers to indicate that Detective Glynn, the famous detective, had apprehended a very shrewd pickpocket. Hand stated that Glynn transacted considerable business at St. Joseph, Missouri, where it was believed he made contacts with members of his criminal clientele, adding that Glynn was also supposed to have a contact in Omaha, Nebraska; however Hand could not state places in either city where Glynn was known to contact individuals connected with gangs.

Hand described Glynn as follows: Age about 55; Height 5'8" or 9"; Weight 180 pounds; wears nose glasses sometimes and on other occasions wears glasses which fasten behind the ears; square jawed; prominent chin; grits teeth and laughs with under lip; wide temples; black hair, graying at temples.

Hand stated that Glynn had no grown children, although he had several youngsters. Hand also remarked he knew of no individuals who Glynn had working for him in Leavenworth, stating that Glynn usually had a few informants who were trusted with very little information by Glynn, Glynn making all the contacts with criminals himself.

Hand suggested an interview with R. E. Gallivan, presently Captain of the Police Department at Leavenworth, Kansas, who was formerly Sheriff at Leavenworth, and under whose administration as Sheriff Hand served as Deputy. Hand promised in the event he obtained any further information of value relative to Glynn and his connection with the criminal element he would furnish the same to this Division Office.

Captain R. A. Gallivan, Leavenworth, Kansas, Police Department,

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advised he had known Glynn for some time as Glynn had been in police work for the past 30 years, having been Chief of Police at Leavenworth, Kansas, for about three years from 1925 to 1927, it being Mr. Gallivan's opinion that Glynn was also Chief of Police for a short time during the late World War. Captain Gallivan remarked that he believed Glynn had only had contact with pickpockets and individuals who were not connected with large criminal gangs, although he stated Glynn was quite well known throughout the country as an old detective, his specialty being pickpocket work. Captain Gallivan could not give any information as to Glynn's contacts in Omaha, and could not add any further information to that given by Mr. Hand, above named.

Although the records of the Postal Telegraph Company, at Leavenworth, Kansas, were checked from the first of January 1933 to date no telegrams sent by Glynn were found in the files. Of course, copies of incoming telegrams for Glynn would not be retained in the receiving office.

Through the cooperation of Mr. A. B. Downing, Manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, Leavenworth, Kansas, copies of all telegrams sent by Glynn from the first of January 1933 to July 10, 1934, were obtained for this office, which are being retained in the Kansas City Division file of this case.

Referring to Division letter to the Oklahoma City Office dated July 11, 1934, mentioning the Kimes-Inman-Terrill Gang, it is noted that on March 18, 1933, Glynn sent a telegram to Elmer Inman at the Oklahoma City Prison, McAlester, Oklahoma, as follows: "Your matter here has been taken care of O.K.". It is not known what matter this telegram refers to.

On April 26, 1933, Glynn sent a telegram to G. E. Barker, father of Fred & Arthur, at the Petterman Building, Neosho, Missouri, instructing Barker to "come to Leavenworth Thursday and bring papers".

On May 13, 1933, Glynn sent the following telegram to Pres S. Lester, Attorney, McAlester, Oklahoma: "CONSTRUCTION COMPANY MAY CHANGE WORKPLAN TO NORTHWEST VERY SOON WROTE OR WIRE RE VOLNEY DAVIS".

On May 19, 1933, Glynn sent the following night letter to C. E. B. Cutler, Pardon Attorney, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (See page 2, last paragraph of memorandum of Special Agent F. S. Smith, dated at Oklahoma City, June 23, 1934, copies of which were furnished the Division, the Chicago Office, the Kansas City Office and the St. Paul Office with letter of Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley to Inspector Clegg, St. Paul, dated June 23, 1934, wherein reference is made to the addressee of this telegram): "REASONABLY CERTAIN VOLNEY DAVIS NOW ON TEMPORARY PAROLE WILL BE GIVEN STEADY POSITION WITH CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IF GIVEN EXTENSION OR BANISHED PAROLE STOP DAVIS WANTS TO MAKE GOOD AND WILL IF GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY NOW CONFRONTING HIM WILL



DO MY BEST TO HELP HIM SENATOR LESTER WILL EXPLAIN MONDAY (Signed)  
J. T. GLYNN.

For information relative to Senator Lester and his son, Dudley Lester, please see paragraph 2, of page 9 of report of Special Agent Paul Hansen dated at Oklahoma City May 10, 1934. On June 7, 1933, Glynn wired Hon. Pres S. Lester, State Senator, c/o Senate House, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma "DAVIS ANXIOUS TO KNOW IF HE CAN ACCEPT WORK AS PER PREVIOUS LETTER MUST KNOW IMMEDIATELY MAY CHANGE ANY TIME".

The above mentioned telegrams are all that appear pertinent to the instant inquiry at this time. During February and March 1934, Glynn had telegraphic correspondence with Harry J. Raymond, 2834 Guirado Street, Los Angeles, California, and George Stahlman, Deputy District Attorney, Los Angeles, California, relative to one Clarence Morton who, it appears, was formerly of Leavenworth, Kansas, and was being held by the Sheriff at Los Angeles on a forgery charge.

Agent contacted Mr. S. M. Ringo, District Manager of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Leavenworth, Kansas, in an endeavor to obtain a record of the long distance calls charged to Glynn's home telephone number, telephone number 1362, from January 1934 to date. However, Mr. Ringo refused to furnish this information without first consulting his headquarters at Topeka, Kansas, and to date further information has not been received from Mr. Ringo as to whether he will furnish this information. This angle of the investigation relative to Glynn will be followed up at an early date.

Agent contacted Mr. M. L. Nye, Superintendent of Mails at Leavenworth, Kansas, and requested that a copy be placed for the next thirty days on all mail received at Leavenworth, Kansas, of John T. Glynn, 511 Chestnut Avenue, Leavenworth, Kansas. Mr. Nye advised that all of Glynn's mail was received through his Post Office Box Number 6, and promised to furnish the tracings as requested.

Referring to report of Special Agent H. E. Hollis, Oklahoma City, dated March 7, 1934, the Postal Directory, Leavenworth, Kansas, was searched in an endeavor to locate Lula Johnson, friend of Volney Davis, at Leavenworth, Kansas; however, without favorable results. Superintendent of Mails Nye stated he had never heard of an individual by that name in Leavenworth.

Pursuant to Division letter to the Oklahoma City Office, dated July 11, 1934, a review has been made of the Kansas City case files on the case captioned "Q. P. McGEE - NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT", Kansas City file 26-1573, and "HERMAN BARKER, with aliases, ET AL - NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT", Kansas City File 26-846, but this review failed to reflect any information in the Kansas City case files relative to contacts of the Barker Brothers which information is not already available in the instant file on the Bremer kidnaping.

Pursuant to Division letter dated July 12, 1934, indicating that the parole of Lloyd Barker, No. 1734B-L, United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, which was due to become effective July 16, 1934, had been revoked by the Parole Board, telephonic communication was had with Mr. E. H. Eckholdt, Secretary to Warden Zerbst, at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, and request was made that in the event any individual inquired relative to this parole matter of Lloyd Barker, this office be advised of the identity of the individual. Mr. Eckholdt remarked that it was his belief that the parole of Barker had been revoked on April 14, 1934, and that no inquiries had been received since that time relative to this parole matter of Barker's; however, he promised to furnish any information obtained relative to any individuals who might make inquiry relative to the same. Warden Zerbst at the time of the telephonic communication with the United States Penitentiary was out of town, and hence the communication was had with Mr. Eckholdt.

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July 23, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219;  
ET AL  
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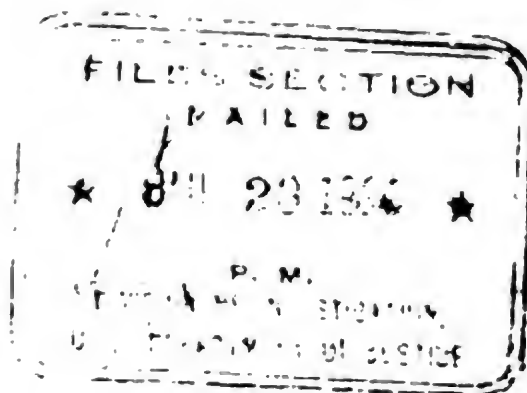
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 19, 1934, setting forth information with respect to John T. Glynn, private detective of Leavenworth, Kansas, who is an important contact man of members of the Barker-Karpis gang. You requested to be advised whether an open interview with Mr. Glynn would be desirable.

The Division desires that you or Special Agent Harold E. Andersen interview Mr. Glynn for the purpose of obtaining all available information which he will disclose to the Division concerning the whereabouts of members of this gang.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



*[Handwritten signature]*



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July 18, 1934

Special Agent in Charge, &  
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Dear Sir:

In Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218  
ARTHUR F. BARKER, with aliases, I.O.  
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EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

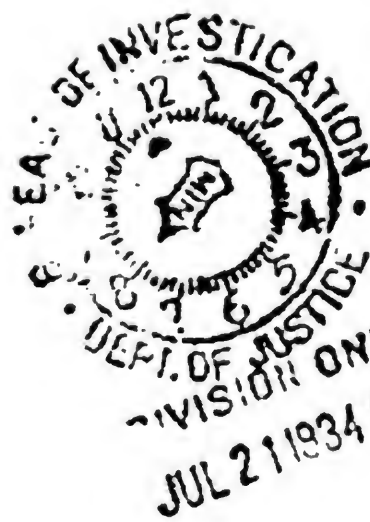
Reference is made to our telephonic conver-  
sation of this date relative to one Milton Snyder.

Investigation by Special Agent A. I. Miller  
of this Office at the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing,  
Kansas, disclosed the following information, which was  
furnished by Deputy Warden Graham and Record Room Chief  
Clerk Wilmon:

Attached hereto find three photographs of  
Milton Snyder, his record appearing on the reverse side  
thereof, together with his fingerprint classification.  
The records at Lansing indicate that Snyder was received  
at the Penitentiary on April 19, 1927; was paroled April  
28, 1931; violated the parole and was returned to the  
Penitentiary and served out the unexpired term, the date  
of his release being August 12, 1932.

The records indicate that Alvin Karpis was  
incarcerated at the Penitentiary under No. 1539, he being  
received at the Penitentiary on the 24th day of February,  
1926, serving a five to ten year term; he served his term  
to expiration; discharged May 2, 1931.

The records of the office indicated that Karpis



was never in the same cell block as Snyder. One worked in the tailor shop and the other worked in the twine plant. They were in the same cell house, but in different divisions.

The records further indicate that Fred<sup>O</sup> Barker was received in the Penitentiary at Lansing on March 8, 1927, serving a five to ten year term, and was paroled by the Board on April 28, 1931. The records further indicate that Barker worked below in the mine at the Penitentiary and Snyder worked on top. They were in the same cell house, namely C, in September of 1928. They were transferred to A Cell House within one day of each other and Deputy Warden Graham indicated that they might possibly have had a cell together, but that his records would not indicate that. They were also in C Cell House together. Deputy Warden Graham further indicated that perhaps they could have easily met while in the yard.

Agent next visited the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, and there checked up on the number given in telephone conversation, #39727. The record room of the Penitentiary was closed at this time, but Agent was able to find out that No. 39727, under the name of William Baker, was received at Leavenworth Penitentiary on October 27, 1931, from El Paso, Texas, on a Dyer Act charge, and was discharged February 12, 1933.

A check was made of the mail deliveries of Milton Snyder at the Lansing Penitentiary, and it was found that the following persons received mail from Milton Snyder:

Miss Mabel Hood, 518 North Mulberry Street,  
Ottawa, Kansas.  
F. J. Bombard (father), R. R. #2, Mechanicville,  
New York.  
Frank M. Brooks, Fitchburg, Massachusetts.  
John Albertine, Ware, Massachusetts  
Louis Albertine, Meridian, Connecticut  
William Heil, Sandy Hill, New York  
Charles Farrell, Hollywood, California  
Miss Nina Weeks, 907 Tracy Avenue, K. C., Mo.  
William B. McCloud, Campello, Massachusetts  
Emile St. Onge, Ware, Massachusetts.



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The records further indicate that letters received came from the following persons:

C. R. Corwin, 1 East Eleventh St., Lawrence, Kans.  
John Albertine, Ouset, Massachusetts.  
Louise Lacoulin, 56 Middlesex Street, Springfield, Mass.  
F. J. Bombard, 80 Congress Street, Troy, New York.

If further information is desired with reference to Snyder's incarceration at Leavenworth, please advise and additional photographs and a history of Snyder at that institution will be forwarded.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge

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KIDNAPING

Information has been received from numerous sources in the above captioned case that Mr. John T. Glynn, Private Detective, at Leavenworth, Kansas, was believed to be a contact for the Karpis-Barker gang and its members.

In connection with investigation in the Kansas City Leasacre case Special Agent G. F. Hurley submitted a memorandum under date of April 10, 1934, copy of which was furnished the Division, of an interview with Deputy Warden Graham at the State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas. Mr. Graham advised that in his investigation relative to the escape of Jesse Howard, register number 7859, from the State Penitentiary on 2-10-34, he had ascertained by interviewing one Reeves, a suspect believed to have aided Howard in his escape, and under cross examination Reeves admitted having helped Howard in escaping. Reeves stated that one "Dago Tony" of 500 block on Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri, had helped Howard make his escape; further stating that Howard would undoubtedly immediately get in touch with Fred Barker, Doc Barker and Volney Davis after making good his escape, and that the two Barkers and Davis, and their gang, were supposed to be making plans to effect the escape of several individuals from the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas. Reeves stated that while Howard was released from the penitentiary on a temporary parole for the alleged purpose of visiting his relatives, he had gone South, Reeves stating he had gone to South America. However, it was Mr. Graham's opinion that Howard possibly went to New Orleans, Louisiana, for the purpose of locating a supply of guns and ammunition which were to be furnished to the Barker gang. Reeves indicated that Howard had been intimately tied up with the Karpis-Barker gang, having originally met the Barkers in Oregon.

In investigating contacts of Glynn, at Leavenworth, a telegram was located through the Western Union Telegraph Company, at

Leavenworth, Kansas, addressed by Glynn to Jesse Howard, care of Mrs. Isaac Cupp, 312 West Gladstone Boulevard, Frederick, Oklahoma, reading as follows: "EXTENSION UNTIL EIGHT PM AT NATIONAL HOTEL LEAVENWORTH SUNDAY EVENING (SIGNED) JACK". As a result of a cover placed on the mail of Jack Glynn, who has Post Office Box Number 6 Leavenworth, Kansas, and who resides at 311 Chestnut Avenue, Leavenworth, Kansas, a tracing has been received of a letter addressed to [redacted] with the return address "Mrs. Lillie Cupp, 312 West Gladstone Boulevard, Frederick, Oklahoma", the postmark and date not appearing upon the tracing.

Upon telephonic communication with Deputy Warden Graham, at the State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, he advised that Jesse Howard, their number 7859, was supposed to have been killed by police officers in Miami, Oklahoma, about three weeks ago; the identity of the individual with Howard at the time never having been ascertained. Mr. Graham stated that although fingerprints, supposedly of the corpse of Howard, had been received and compared at Lansing with the known fingerprints of Howard, which prints were identical, a tip had been received by Graham that Howard had been seen in Kansas City since the date of his alleged death in Miami, and hence it was thought that possibly the individual killed was not Jesse Howard who had escaped from the penitentiary on February 10, 1934. Mr. Wilson, the Record Clerk and Fingerprint man at the said penitentiary, advised Mr. Graham that the prints received allegedly of Jesse Howard from the Miami, Oklahoma police, were very good impressions and must have been taken while the corpse was still warm.

In view of the alleged intimate connection between Jesse Howard and the Karpis-Barker Gang, it is suggested that appropriate investigation be made at Miami, Oklahoma, in an endeavor to ascertain whether the individual killed was actually Jesse Howard, and the basis for such belief.

It is also suggested that appropriate investigation be made relative to the residence of Mrs. Isaac Cupp, 312 West Gladstone Boulevard, Frederick, Oklahoma, as this may possibly be a meeting place for members of the Karpis-Barker Gang. For your information there is being transmitted herewith a descriptive photograph of

Jesse Howard, Kansas State Penitentiary Number 7859.

Very truly yours,

R. B. MATHAN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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1300 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
Jul. 19, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:-

Re: LENNIE

I am attaching hereto copy of a letter received from  
John J. McLaughlin, Ramsey County Jail, which is undated, and  
refers thereto, dated today.

It is respectfully requested that you confer with the  
United States Attorney at St. Paul for the purpose of obtaining  
an extension from him as to what disposition should be made  
of the \$25.00 recovered from John J. McLaughlin, Jr. which  
does not include the \$25.00 taken from him, which was  
ransom money in the instant case.

In the event it is the desire of the United States At-  
torney at St. Paul to have the money taken from John McLaughlin,  
which is not ransom money in this case, returned to the family,  
I will appreciate his furnishing me with a letter contain-  
ing instructions.

Very truly yours,

E. H. LEWIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Ramsey County Jail,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Melvin W. Purvis-

My dear Purvis -

When my son was picked up by your Mr. Faulkner and Ralph Brown, they took from about \$365. 0 that is what they told me and \$85.00 of this was money from Minneapolis this being the case will you Please send my wife the difference between \$85.00 and \$365.00 as they are in need, having been put of house for non payment of Rent and will have to ask for Relief of the Co. I expected to see you about it personally but I am here and can't make bond so I half t stay here.

I know you don't want to do a hardsship for then so please send them mohey and oblige.

Yours truly,

Jno. J. McLaughlin.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

FIL:ON

July 20, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

In compliance with the request of Mr. <sup>Newby</sup> ~~Abbaticchio~~  
I am transmitting herewith two copies of the photograph of Joseph  
B. Moran as appearing in the files of the Identification Unit.  
The correspondence transmitted by Mr. Abbaticchio in connection  
with this request is being returned herewith.

Respectfully,

*L. C. Schilder*

L. C. Schilder.

*Edw. L. Bremer*

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Joseph B. Moran

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From: UNIT #1 Room 420

7-21-1934.

To: \_\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Nathan  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Tolson  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Edwards  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Egan  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Quinn  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Tamm  
\_\_\_\_\_ Files Section  
\_\_\_\_\_ Equipment Section  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Abbaticchio  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Bray  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Cowley  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Listerman  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Little  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Lott  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Lowdon  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Newby  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Schroeder  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Smith  
\_\_\_\_\_ Miss Gandy  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Kelley  
\_\_\_\_\_ Washington Field Office  
\_\_\_\_\_ Stenographic Pool  
\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary  
\_\_\_\_\_ Re-date  
\_\_\_\_\_ See Me  
\_\_\_\_\_ Send file.

*Please note in machine*

*H. H.*

H. H. CLEGG

Kansas City, Missouri,  
July 18, 1934.

MEMORANDUM.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, IO 1218  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, IO 1219  
ET AL  
GEORGE EDWARD BREWER - Victim  
KIDNAPING.

This memorandum is in reference to Division letter dated June 14, 1934, requesting information with respect to additional offenses committed by Clyde H. Nimerick, together with information concerning his associates. The Division requested that the Kansas City office secure the best available photograph of Nimerick.

Lieut. Frank Collins of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department advised Agent that Clyde Nimerick was arrested several years ago on a charge of suspicion involving the robbing of the Empress Theater in Kansas City, the safe in the Empress Theater having been entered by means of a hole burned inside with an acetylene torch. Nimerick was found afterwards with an acetylene torch in his possession. The suspicion charge was dismissed for lack of evidence. No record of arrest appears in the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department's records.

Clyde Nimerick was identified as being one of five robbers who robbed the First National Bank at Fairbury, Nebraska, of \$150,000.00 on April 4, 1933. The identification of Clyde Nimerick was made by people who were in the Fairbury, Nebraska, bank at the time of the robbery.

Chief Higgins of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, and one J. E. Martin, who posted the \$20,000.00 bond in behalf of Nimerick in connection with the Interstate Bank robbery at Kansas City, Missouri, on December 10, 1930, and which bond Clyde Nimerick jumped, gave Agent the following information relative to Nimerick's acquaintances:

7-12-3444



Mooney, indicating that he had information concerning the whereabouts of Billinger and mentioning St. Joseph, Missouri.

In view of the activities of this man Snyder, who is apparently going from one city to another picking up whatever money he can on the pretext of turning over information, it is deemed desirable to transmit a copy of this letter to each field office for its information.

Captain Harrison has informed me that in the event Snyder returns to Detroit, he will arrest him for obtaining money under false pretenses.

Snyder's complete description is as follows:

Name:	Milton Snyder, alias George Cole, alias Frederick James Bonhard, alias George S. Carroll.						
Age:	34						
Height:	5'8"						
Weight:	161 lbs.						
Build:	Medium						
Hair:	Light brown, thin; partially bald.						
Eyes:	Blue						
Complexion:	Light						
Born:	Massachusetts						
Fingerprint							
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14	000	0					
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Criminal Record: Served one term in the Mass. State Penitentiary, Boston. #21941.  
Kansas State Penitentiary #2885.  
McNeil Island #8354.

Copy of Snyder's photograph is being forwarded herewith to the Division.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson,  
Special Agent in Charge.

WLMH  
26-4785  
Encl.  
cc--All Division Field Offices.



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NAME OF SUSPECT	NUMBER	LP#	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Alcorn, Gordon Francis	Div. Off. Chic., Ill.											
Ashbridge, Irvin	USM. Fargo, N.D.											
Ashbridge, Thos. W.	230049											
Austin, George	163338											
Baker, Eddie	463668											
Baker, Richard C.	85400											
Banghart, Basil	45784											
(Dead)												
Banks, Jos. Phil	99541											
Bannon, Hugh	724917											
Bannon, Joseph	724915											
Barker, Dock	289428											
A. J. Rankin												
Barker, Fred, alias	36129											
Barrow, Clyde Champion	147077											
Benz, Theodore	510598											
Bentz, Edward	15279											
Berman, Barnet	Leavenworth, Ks. 2908 USP,											
Berman, Motley	Atlanta, Ga. 24335 PD,											
Binder, Ben	269788											
Bleigh, Hubert	242514											
Blumenfield, Isadore	700949											

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## SINGLE FINGERPRINT SEARCHES

NAME OF SUSPECT	NUMBER	LP#	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
✓ Doyle, Earl H.	111174											
✓ Doyle, Jess	99402											
✓ Eckert, Chester	574574											
Engler, Bertha	Kansas City, Mo. 20406 PD.											
✓ Engler, William	481444											
✓ Evans, Claude	445378											
Feist, Andrew B.	N.D. USM, Fargo,											
✓ Fettig, Joe J.	478925											
Filbin, Thomas	Minn. 17624 PD.											
✓ Filbin, Thomas V.	731483											
Floyd, Charles Arthur	24853											
✓ Fontana, Carl	551956											
✓ Fraine, Patrick	677543											
Galatas, Richard F.	138950											
✓ Gant, Fred	182712											
Gardner, Wilbur	47641											
✓ Gifford, Dave	242931											
✓ Gilbert, Thomas L.	7151											
Ginsberg, Abe	PD, Chicago, Ill. C-36133,											
Glickman, Leon	Leavenworth, Kans. 27307 USP,											
✓ Alfred Geonia												
Gorman, Edward, alias,	7967											
Griffin, Jack E.	Angeles, Calif. SO, Los/											
Gross, Harry	Cleveland, Ohio F-73824											
Guterman, David	479550											
✓ Chas. Adams												
Hanford, Paul G., alias	185726											
✓ Hansen, George	724920											

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## SINGLE FINGERPRINT SEARCHES

NAME OF SUSPECT	NUMBER	LP#	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
✓ MacDonald, Elmer	5264											
Mason, Frank	4268											
✓ McCormick, Frank	3309,											
✓ McGray, Chas.	82731											
✓ McGuire, Chas. Francis	293222											
✓ McGurn, Jack	703651											
✓ McKeogh, Charles	442798											
✓ McLeod, Andrew	416687											
✓ Morgan, Clara	646281											
✓ Moten, William	96894											
✓ Mulloy, Frank	392709											
✓ Nepp, Frank	57870. 212433											
✓ Neff, George C.	209147											
✓ Niederluecke, William H. (Jr.)												
✓ Nolan, John	125426											
✓ O'Keefe, Larry	40771											
✓ O'Leary, Martin	560109											
✓ O'Malley, Walter	428741											
✓ Payton, Alvis	676983											
✓ Pederson, Arthur	Green Bay, Wis. 2247, SRef.											
✓ Peiffer, John Peter	70015											
✓ Peterson, Arthur	Mil., Wis. 13339											
✓ Phillips, Bernard	328905											
✓ Phillips, Lee	233636											
✓ Pruitt, M. A.	693269											
✓ Pulaski, Otto	724916											
✓ Queen, J. B.	50985											
✓ Richetti, Adam	174842											
✓ Roisaner, Morris	325039											
✓ Winsel Urban	515120											
✓ Roland, John, alias												



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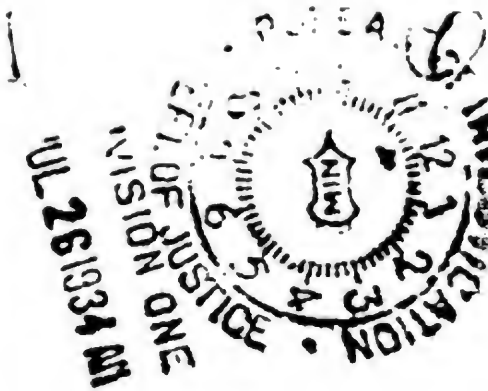
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1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois



July 24, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
422 Midland Savings Building,  
Denver, Colorado.

7-576	
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION	
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Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218,  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,  
I.O. 1219, et al.;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to a letter of July 10, 1934 from the Denver office to the Chicago office concerning one T. H. Jetto, alias Tom Jetto, who is believed by June Davis of Casper, Wyoming to be identical with Arthur R. Barker. As Jetto, in writing to June Davis, stated that he was working for the Chicago Daily News, an investigation was made at the offices of the News.

Mr. A. Weinrich, cashier of the Chicago Daily News, located at 400 West Madison Street, telephone Dearborn 1111, made a thorough search of their records and found that one T. H. Jetts, whose signature on the payroll appears to be Jetto rather than Jetts, worked there canvassing for subscriptions for the Chicago Daily News on Thursday and Friday, May 24 and 25; that his total income for those two days was \$2.00; that he worked the following week of June 8 and received compensation of \$6.00 for subscriptions obtained. He also worked the week of June 15, and during this period earned \$3.50. It is not known whether he worked the full week or not, but the \$3.50 due him was never called for.

While seeking subscriptions for the Daily News, Jetto was working under the supervision of W. E. Mann, located on the second floor, in the circulation department.

Due to the fact that it was felt unwise to disclose to the newspaper the person whose identity Agent was seeking to learn, Mr. Mann was not contacted and no mention of any suspect in this case was made.

P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

July 24, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 2118,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,  
I. O. 1219, et al. EDWARD GEORGE  
BREMER - Victim. KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file No. 7-20.

Reference is made to your letter dated July 20,  
1934, and in accordance therewith there are being transmitted  
herewith two photographs of William Weaver alias Phoenix Donald,  
the description of this individual appearing on the back of each  
photograph.

The Chicago office is requested to forward to the  
Detroit Division office copy of reports dealing with the recovery  
of the ransom money and apprehension of John J. McLaughlin, Sr.,  
John J. McLaughlin, Jr., William E. Vidler, and Philip Delaney,  
as well as the photographs of these individuals, and also photo-  
graphs of Dr. Joseph B. Moran, Frank J. Prindville, and James  
Wilson.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

DLM:HVS  
Enc.  
Cc Division  
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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
AND  
PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG  
BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

December 22, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O.1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O.1213;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O.1232;  
ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of November 27,  
1934, in which it is stated that the notice is being placed  
in the Identification Unit that ROBERT J. CLARK, Cincinnati,  
Ohio, Police Department Number 29604, Division Number 750030,  
is wanted for questioning in regard to the above entitled case.

This Wanted Notice may be withdrawn as RUSSELL J.  
HUSTEN, alias ROBERT J. CLARK was questioned by this office  
on December 21, 1934.

Very truly yours,

*D. M. Ladd*  
D. M. LADD, *rec*  
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

St. Louis FILE NO. 7-43

REPORT MADE AT <u>St. Louis, Mo.</u>	DATE WHEN MADE <u>12-28-34</u>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <u>12-19, 20-34</u>	REPORT MADE BY <u>J. A. SMITH, JR.</u>
TITLE <u>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. 1219; et al. Edward George Bremer - VICTIM.</u>			CHARACTER OF CASE <u>KIDNAPING</u>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Telephone call made on 12-15-34 from Chicago, Diversey 9269 to Cabany 4465 R, St. Louis. Latter number listed in name of E. Floun, 6236 Enright Av., St. Louis, Mo., who is a stenographer for the American Fixture and Showcase Mfg. Co., 1009 Lucas Av., St. Louis, Mo., and has resided at present address for more than year. She and her family apparently quiet working people.

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## DETAILS:

During the evening of December 19, 1934, a telephone call was received from the office being maintained in Chicago, Illinois, under the direction of Mr. J. E. Connelley, and request was made that all available information be obtained concerning the person in whose name telephone number Cabany 4465R, St. Louis, Missouri, is listed. It was stated that a woman thought to be connected with the subjects in this case had made a call from Chicago, telephone number Diversey 9269, to the St. Louis number mentioned above, on December 15, 1934. It was requested that all available information be telephonically communicated to Mr. Connelley's office; and it was thought best not to contact the person in whose name the St. Louis number was listed.

## DETAILS:

Agent ascertained from the Information operator, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, 1010 Pine Street, St. Louis, Missouri, that Cabany 4465R is listed in the name of E. Floun, whose address was given as 6236 Enright Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli, Special Agent R. H. Simons, and the reporting agent, proceeded immediately to the neighborhood

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of 6236 Enright Avenue, and found that address to be an apartment house, housing six or eight families. An attempt was made to locate the janitor of the apartment, and it was found that he had apparently gone for the night. It was thought best that further investigation be delayed until morning.

No E. Floun was found to be listed in the St. Louis City Directory, or in the telephone directory. However, it was found that there was an Evelyn Floun listed as being a stenographer, and residing at 4178 LaFayette Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Information so far received was telephonically communicated to the Office of Mr. E. J. Connelley's, during the evening of December 19, 1934.

On December 20, 1934, Special Agent R. H. Simons and the reporting agent, called at the business office of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, St. Louis, and ascertained that the "E. Floun" is whose name Gabany 4465R was listed as Evelyn Floun, and that she had previously had a phone at 4178 LaFayette Avenue, St. Louis, and that her present phone had been installed for several months. The telephone company's records indicated that she is a stenographer for the American Fixture and Showcase Manufacturing Company, 1009 Lucas Avenue, St. Louis. The Records also indicated that Miss Floun has been a resident of St. Louis for a number of years.

Agents called at 6236 Enright Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, and under pretext of being representatives of a credit company, contacted Mrs. Simon Silverberg, manager of the apartment of that address. Mrs. Silverbert was very uncommunicative, and no information was received other than that the Floun family had resided at 6236 Enright for about two years.

Nick Ippolito, Janitor, 6236 Enright Avenue, St. Louis, stated that the Floun family is composed of an elderly man and his wife, two daughters, and one son, all of whom are working with the exception of the elderly man and woman, the father and mother. He stated that the family has resided at their present abode for more than a year. Mr. Ippolito was repeatedly questioned regarding presence of any suspicious persons in the Floun apartment, and stated that so far as he knew there had been none, and also stated that he did not know of any visitors in that apartment for the last several months, except upon one occasion when one of the daughters gave a party announcing her engagement. He stated that the family is very quiet, and apparently conservative, and further that he had received no complaints from their neighbors regarding their conduct.

Information received on December 20, 1934, was telephonically communicated to the Chicago Division Office, in charge of Mr. E. J. Connelley, on that date.

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER.

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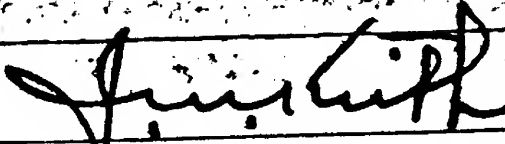



# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINN.**

FILE NO. **7-63**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Washington, D. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-29-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/21 &amp; 24/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. P. HURD</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, w.a., I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, w.a., I.O. 1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, w.a., I.O. 1215; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w.a., I.O. 1232; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS <p><b>MAE GREEN</b> and husband, occupied room at 1402 Eye Street, N.W. during latter part of 1933; husband employed as soda water jerker at drug counter, 14th &amp; Eye Streets, N.W. until about six months ago; present location unknown; wife, <b>MAE GREEN</b>, reported employed as waitress at New Ebbitt Hotel, 10th &amp; H Streets, N.W. No employment record under that name found; one Betty Green employed at that hotel 12-1-34; she was located at 1112 Eye Street, S.E.; does not in any way compare with description of <b>MAE GREEN</b> given in reference report.</p>			
REFERENCE <p>Report of Special Agent John E. Brennan, St. Paul, Minnesota, December 14, 1934. Letter, Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, December 17, 1934.</p>			
DETAILS <p><b>AT WASHINGTON, D. C.</b></p> <p>Before proceeding to 1402 Eye Street, N.W. to ascertain if <b>MAE GREEN</b> and her husband, <b>RAY GREEN</b>, resided there in October 1933 and may still be at that location, it was deemed advisable to ascertain something concerning the reputation of the woman running that rooming house and the type of people she catered to, as same is located in a rather notorious location which is used as a hang out</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: 	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	<b>7-576-3651</b>	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>DEC 28 1934</b>
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for gamblers, race horse touts, etc. It was ascertained from the 1934 directory that 1402 Eye Street, N.W. is occupied by a Mrs. Margaret Dudley, who has furnished rooms to rent at that location. The names of Mrs. Josephine Lewis and Mrs. Louise M. Seaton also appear in the 1934 issue of the Washington telephone directory.

Mrs. Margaret Dudley recalled that MAE GREEN and her husband, RAY GREEN, occupied a room on the second floor at 1402 Eye Street, N.W. until the latter part of 1933 and that she has no information as to where they may be presently found, as neither one of them have been to her rooming place for several months. Mrs. Dudley advised that about four months ago she met RAY GREEN on the street and was then told by him that his wife had left him and returned to her home located at EAST ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. Mrs. Dudley further stated that MAE GREEN had been employed as a waitress at the New Ebbitt Hotel, Washington, D. C., and that the husband had, for sometime, been employed as a soda water jerker at the store located at the southwest corner of 14th and Eye Streets, N. W.

Discreet inquiry was made of the head soda water clerk located in the drug store, 14th & Eye Streets, N.W., as to whether RAY GREEN is presently employed there and information was obtained that he has not worked there for the past four months. He could furnish no data as to his present business or residential address.

Mr. H. C. Burge, New Ebbitt Hotel, 10th & H Streets, N.W., advised that he could find no employment record of one MAE GREEN working there as a waitress. His payroll record indicated that one Betty Green had been intermittently employed at that hotel since July, 1934. Mr. Burge suggested an interview with Margie Rauscher, hotel waitress in the dining room of the hotel, as it was his impression that she had information concerning Betty Green and could furnish a more definite description of her for comparison with description of MAE GREEN, as given in reference report. Margie Rauscher recalled that one Betty Green had been employed there at different short periods since July of this year, as a waitress, but her description of Betty Green differed entirely from the description of MAE GREEN. Margie Rauscher has been employed in the hotel as head waitress since July 1, 1934 and she could not recall any one being under her employment or working in the dining room in any capacity answering the description of MAE GREEN. Mr. Taylor, Manager, New Ebbitt Hotel, stated that he had no personal recollection of any person named MAE GREEN being employed in the hotel in any capacity. He

advised that Betty Green might be located at 1112 Eye Street, S. E., which is her permanent address and that during the day she could be located at 606 A Street, N. E., where she is temporarily employed taking care of the children of H. L. Caton.

Betty Green was located at 1112 Eye Street, S. E. She is from Jacksonville, Florida, is about 5'10" tall, has dark hair and brown eyes. She could not recall any one by the name of Green being employed at the New Ebbitt Hotel and it was evident that she is not the MAE GREEN referred to in reference report. Her husband is employed as a chauffeur and they have been living at this address for a long period.

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ST. LOUIS OFFICE. Attention is invited to the last paragraph on page 2 of the reference report, which, in part, indicates that MAE GREEN made the statement that her maiden name was SCHULMAN and that she formerly lived at St. Louis, Missouri. In connection therewith, attention is invited to the statement made by RAY GREEN to Mrs. Margaret Dudley about four months ago, at Washington, D. C., that his wife had returned to her home in EAST ST. LOUIS. It is suggested that appropriate investigation be made there to locate MAE GREEN. For information and guidance of the St. Louis Office, reference letter indicates that MAE GREEN is reported to have lived as man and wife with William J. Harrison, a member of the Karpis-Barker gang, at 310 West Mason Street, Calumet City, Illinois from around April until September, 1933. The letter also points out that Harrison, at that time, was in contact with other members of the Karpis-Barker gang and investigation has resulted in information that on one occasion during the night time, a man was carried from Harrison's residence and placed in an ambulance under suspicious circumstances, indicating that the man might possibly have been wounded. The letter further advised that it is believed that Harrison at the present time may be with other members of the Karpis-Barker gang and it is highly important that MAE GREEN be located and thoroughly interviewed, ascertaining the type of car used and the place where it was registered. It is suggested that photographs of all members of the Karpis-Barker gang be exhibited to her.

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Detroit, Michigan  
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J. H. Hanson  
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U. S. Department of Justice  
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Birmingham, Alabama

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December 24, 1934.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 829,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

In order that there may be no misunderstanding either in the field or at the Division concerning the persons in charge of various assignments in the Chicago District, the following instructions relative to the supervision of pending cases are set forth for your information and guidance.

The supervision of all ramifications of the Dillinger case, including investigative activity looking to the apprehension of John Paul Chase, will be under your supervision. You will, in addition, have supervision and jurisdiction over the investigative activities looking to the location and apprehension of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, namely, so-called Barker-Karpis gang. The supervision of the Kansas City Massacre case will likewise be assigned to you, as will investigation looking to the apprehension of T. H. Robinson, Jr., subject in the case growing out of the kidnaping of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll.

In so far as it is possible, you should carry on the investigative activity in the above named cases with the Special Agents who have heretofore been assigned to you. It is to be distinctly understood, however, that at any time when you desire additional aid or assistance of any character, you may call upon the Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago Office and that official will furnish you with whatever additional assistance is required.

The Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago Office will continue to supervise all pending investigations with the exception of those cases set out above.

Please indicate by return letter whether the above instructions are clearly understood by you.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a copy of a letter which I have today addressed to Mr. E. J. Connelley advising him of his assignment to supervise all investigation in the Chicago area in the Dillinger, Bremer, Kansas City Massacre and Stoll Kidnaping cases. You will note particularly that Mr. Connelley is to utilize in so far as it is possible the services of those Special Agents who have already been assigned to him for the carrying on of these investigations, but that in emergency situations he is authorized to call upon you for whatever additional aid and assistance he may require. You are instructed to promptly comply with any requests for aid or assistance which are received from Mr. Connelley.

Please advise the Division by return mail whether these instructions are clearly understood by you.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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There is attached hereto a memorandum addressed to Mr. Keenan, transmitting a copy of the summary report prepared by Agent Nicholson in the Bremer Case. This is the only report which summarizes the evidence developed implicating John Joseph McLaughlin, et al in the negotiations of ransom currency. The United States Attorney at St. Paul desires to nolle pros the indictments returned against McLaughlin and has requested Departmental authority for this procedure. The Criminal Division desires to review the facts before granting authority for the nolle pros, and accordingly has requested full information concerning the available evidence.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINN.**

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>BUFFALO, N.Y.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>12/26/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>12/24-26/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>G. V. DOHERTY</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Mrs. Gladys Hodil arrived Buffalo, N.Y. 12/24/34, now residing at home of her mother, Mrs. Anna Springer, 1149 Michigan Ave. Cover placed on all mail being delivered Mrs. A. Springer and family, including G. Hodil. Investigation at Elmira, N. Y. unproductive of any results.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">P.</p>			
REFERENCE:  <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Report of Special Agent G.V. Doherty, Buffalo, N.Y., 12/19/34, and telephone conversation with Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelly, Chicago, Ill., 12/24/34; report Special Agent R.D. Brown, Chicago, Ill., 12/17/34.</p>			
DETAILS:  <p style="text-align: center;">At BUFFALO, N.Y.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelly, telephonically communicated with the writer from Chicago, Ill., on Dec. 24, 1934 about 11:00 A.M., advising that one Gladys Hodil left Chicago, Ill. on the evening before on a 11:40 train, due to arrive in Buffalo about 12:10 P.M. on the 24th. He advised that Gladys Hodil had checked a trunk on baggage check #434180, and that he was desirous of knowing where this trunk was delivered and whom she contacted in Buffalo. Special Agent in Charge Connelly indicated that Gladys Hodil was friendly with Barbara and Patricia Langquist, who are friends of Mildred Kuhlman, the paramour of "Doc" Barker.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <div style="text-align: center;">   <b>J.P. MacFarland</b>  <small>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</small> </div>		<div style="text-align: center;"> <b>7-576-9651</b>  <small>UNITED STATES</small>  <b>DEC 28 1934</b>  <small>BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION</small>  <small>ROUTED TO: ONE</small> </div>	
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Special Agent in Charge E.J. Connelly indicated that the Langquist girls, as well as Mildred Kuhlman, had no knowledge that they were being investigated--and that he would prefer to lose all contact with Gladys Hodil than to disclose that she was being observed. He described Gladys Hodil as follows:

Age	25 years
Height	5' 2"
Hair	dark brown, long bob
Eyes	dark brown
Complexion	medium dark
Clothes	black, close-fitting hat, tan shoes very dark brown fur coat, short (perhaps pony skin)

The writer immediately ascertained that the 11:40 P.M. train from Chicago arrived at Buffalo 11:10 A.M. on the morning of Dec. 24th. The writer then immediately contacted Captain J. W. Davis of the New York Central Police Department, who ascertained that the trunk on baggage check #434180 had arrived at the station and arrangements had been made for delivery of this trunk through the Van Dyke Transfer Co. The writer ascertained that the trunk was delivered about 2:30 P.M. to 1149 Michigan Ave., second floor, and that one G. Hodil signed for the trunk.

Examination of the Buffalo city directories disclosed that the only person listed as residing at 1149 Michigan Ave. was Mrs. Anna Springer.

Carrier Walter Seery, attached to the East Utica Post Office informed the writer that he delivers mail at 1149 Michigan Ave. that there is an Aiken family who reside on the first floor at that address and that Mrs. Anna Springer resides on the second floor; that to his knowledge, the Springer family has been at that address for only about four months. He stated that he personally has never seen Mrs. Springer, but that she has two sons approximately 17 and 18 years of age; that he has never delivered any mail to a Mr. Springer at that address. A request was immediately made to cover all mail being delivered to Mrs. Springer or anyone in care of her, to which request Carrier Seery agreed.

Through Carrier Seery the writer ascertained that Mr. J. Lienert, railway mail clerk, resides at 1145 Michigan Ave. However, Carrier Seery stated he knew Mr. Lienert was absent from the



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city on a run and would not be back until after the Holidays. Attempts of the writer to reach Mr. Lienert by telephone to arrange an interview were without results, and it was deemed inadvisable to contact any of the members of his family.

The writer and Special Agent J. D. Cunningham, at intervals, throughout the evening of Dec. 24th and during the 25th observed all cars in the area about 1149 Michigan Ave., however, no out-of-state cars were noted and there was very little activity on the second floor of 1149. The writer further examined the Buffalo city directories for a period of about eight years and found that Mrs. Anna Springer has resided in the city. Investigation by the writer at the Buffalo Police Department disclosed that Mrs. Anna Springer has never been arrested in this city for any offense.

After making these inquiries, a telegram was dispatched to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelly, informing him of the facts above mentioned.

Mr. F. J. Lienert, railway mail clerk, 1145 Michigan Ave., upon being interviewed, advised that he is away from home the greater portion of the time and does not know any of the family residing at 1149 Michigan Ave. He stated, however, that his daughter Eleanor is friendly with the family there and might be able to supply more definite information. The photographs of the Barker-Karpis Gang and several others were shown to Mr. Lienert, but he could not identify any of the pictures as being persons he has seen entering or leaving the house next door.

Miss Eleanor Lienert, a young girl about 25 years of age, upon being interviewed, advised that she is very friendly with the Aiken family, residing at 1149 Michigan Ave., but that she has had very little contact with the Springers; that Mrs. Springer is not at the present time living with her husband, who left about two or three months ago after an argument; that Mrs. Springer is a woman about 45 years of age, 5'4" in height, 115 lbs. in weight, with long hair and who is very attractive-looking and well-dressed. She stated that she (Mrs. Springer) has two sons, aged 17 and 18 years.

Miss Lienert Continuing, advised that she did not know that Mrs. Springer had any daughters until one of the Aiken girls informed her that Mrs. Springer's daughter had returned from somewhere in Illinois for the Holidays and had given Mrs. Springer a

present of \$50.00. The photographs of the Barker-Karpis Gang, together with several other photographs were shown to Miss Eleanor Lienert, but she was unable to identify any of them as being the husband of Mrs. Springer and stated she had never seen any person resembling any of the pictures. Miss Lienert agreed, when next in conversation with the Aiken girls to procure more definite information relative to Mrs. Springer's daughter. She also agreed (as did her father) to note the numbers of all out-of-state cars which stopped at that address, which numbers would be furnished to an Agent of this Office. Although she was interrogated at great length, Eleanor Lienert was unable to supply any more information and agreed to keep this interview in the strictest of confidence.

Mr. C. Beiter, Superintendent of the East Utica Post Office, upon being contacted, advised he had no record which would indicate when Mrs. Springer moved to 1149 Michigan Ave. The writer, from examination of the 1933 city directory ascertained that Mrs. Springer resided at 174 French St. Through the Genesee Station it was ascertained that Mrs. Anna Springer, 174 French St., on April 19, 1934, moved to 130 Doat St. and on Sept. 7, 1934 moved to 1149 Michigan Ave. The writer ascertained that 174 French St. is a tavern operated by Jacob Quirin. Inquiry by the writer of the son of Mr. Quirin, on the basis of a credit inquiry, disclosed that Mrs. Springer resided at 174 French St. for a period of approximately one year; that her husband was in a Veterans' Hospital and rent was paid to them through checks from the Veterans' Administration; that Mrs. Springer had two sons and two daughters.

Mr. Quirin stated that one daughter married a Buffalo man, whose name he could not recall and that she was still living in Buffalo; that the other daughter married a German

He did not know the present address of this daughter, and stated that neither of the sons of Mrs. Springer worked, as they were about 16 and 17 years of age.

Mrs. C. H. Kehe, 130 Doat St., and her daughter (whose name was not known) were interviewed by the writer on the pretext of a credit inquiry. Mrs. Kehe and her daughter informed the writer that Mrs. Anna Springer resided at their house, upstairs, for a period of



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approximately five months, leaving the first part of September; that Mrs. Springer had two sons and two daughters and her husband was at the present time at some Veterans' Hospital.

[REDACTED] that one daughter resides in Buffalo and has three children, but that they could not supply said person's name; another daughter, Gladys Hodil, resides in Illinois, and only occasionally visits with her mother. They advised that while at 130 Doat St., Mrs. Springer had a boarder, who was also her "boy friend" and that they believed said person's name was Leon Hens, that he drove a Pontiac Coupe.

Both Mrs. Kehe and her daughter stated that apparently Mrs. Springer and her family were respectable. They stated that while Mrs. Springer was in their house she had very few visitors other than members of her immediate family.

In an effort to procure additional information relative to Mrs. Springer, Harry Manuel was contacted, Assistant Supervisor of the Visiting Welfare Workers, Welfare Department, City of Buffalo, on Elm St. Mr. Manuel, after searching his records, informed the writer that Mrs. Springer was not receiving city aid through his department.

The writer again contacted ~~Charles~~ Walter Seery, who advised that since last interviewed, only two pieces of mail had been delivered to Mrs. Springer, one being from Box 594, Newark, N.J., which he identified as being a Prudential Insurance Company letter, and another letter from G.A.R. Spanish War Veterans, 1601 City Hall, Buffalo, N.Y.--which he stated he identified as being a compensation check from the Spanish War Veterans' Bureau.

In view of the statements of Special Agent in Charge Connelly, Chicago, Ill., that he would prefer not to disclose that Gladys Hodil was being observed, no continuous observation is being made of said person. However, all mail being delivered to Mrs. Springer or anyone in car of her is being covered by arrangements with the Post Office Department, for a period of 30 days. Tracings will be furnished this office, which will subsequently be submitted to the Chicago Office.

The writer observed that 1149 Michigan Ave. is very close to 1145 and that there are three windows in the home of Mr. Lienert on the second floor which are almost opposite the windows of the Springer residence.

The following investigation was made by Special Agent

P. J. Dotter:

AT ELMIRA, NEW YORK

Upon checking the city directory of Elmira, it was ascertained that Mr. Charles Collins (grocer) and family, were the only residents at 528 West Second Street.

Chief Elwin Weaver, Elmira Police Department, was interviewed and he stated that he knew Collins to be a reputable property owner and proprietor of a grocery and bakery at 528 West Second Street; that anything that Collins might report in answer to agent's questions would, in his (Chief Weaver's) opinion be authentic.

Detective Burke, and the head of the Identification Unit of the Elmira Police Department were contacted and both of them stated that they knew Collins and they corroborated Chief Weaver's statements. Detective Burke informed that he formerly lived across the street from the Collins' residence and that he found Charles Collins and his family highly respectable and above reproach. Detective Burke further informed that Patrolman O'Connor of the Elmira Police Department now lives at the residence which he occupied across the street from the Collins residence. This agent attempted to contact Patrolman O'Connor at his home but found him unavailable. There was no one else at his residence other than a small child who was unable to supply any information.

Charles Collins, 528 West Second Street was interviewed and he stated that he was of English derivation; that he has been in this country for the past twenty years; that the only residents at his home were his wife, his daughters Edna and Lillian, his son Murray, and his wife's mother; that his son Jack worked for him, but lived at 950 Bridgeman Street, Elmira, with his wife Cecelia.

Mr. Collins stated that he and his family did not know anyone in Chicago; that they had no relatives in this country; that they did not have any occasion to write to anyone in Chicago; that he never heard of the name Miss Betty Newbold of 2840 North Francisco Street, Chicago, Illinois; that he was sure that no letter had been sent from his residence and if such information was found on any letter, it was placed thereon by someone other than his family, who in all probability had intended to use a fictitious address.



Mr. Collins further stated that nothing had happened of a suspicious character about the store during the past few months, nor had any strangers or other individuals who might arouse his suspicions come to his attention.

Each one of the members of the Collins family was interviewed individually and each one informed that they had no relatives, friends or connections in Chicago; that they had written no letter to Chicago during the month of November, 1934, or any other time, corroborating the statements already made by Mr. Collins.

This agent observed that the Collins family appeared to be a high type English family and were astonished that any one connected with a criminal matter had chosen to use their address for return letter purposes. It was also observed that the Collins family lives in a highly respectable neighborhood.

This agent interviewed Miss M. C. Phillips in charge of the General Delivery window at the Elmira Post Office and displayed to her the pictures of the various members of the Barker-Karpis gang but Miss Phillips was unable to identify any of them, stating that she did not recall ever having seen anyone resembling said individuals and to her knowledge, no one resembling members of the Barker-Karpis gang had ever called at the window for mail.

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The CHICAGO OFFICE is respectfully requested to advise the Buffalo Office as to whether or not surveillance is to be maintained over Gladys Hodil, in view of the fact that it has been ascertained that she is the daughter of Mrs. Anna Springer.

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December 27, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEELAN.

Attention: Mr. Hugh Fisher

There is attached hereto for your information a summary report prepared by Special Agent D. E. Nicholson in the case entitled, ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim-Kidnaping, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, June 4, 1934 setting forth the evidence in the possession of this Division against John J. McLaughlin, Sr., John J. McLaughlin, Jr., William E. Vidler and Philip J. Delaney.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Connelley telephoned and stated that Marie Marion Conforti was brought into Chicago, Illinois from Duluth, Minnesota last night by United States Marshal William H. McDonald; that while she was in the Marshal's office newspaper men were allowed to talk with her. Mr. Connelley advised that not longer than the day before yesterday the Marshal's office had received definite instructions from the Chicago Office not to allow anybody, especially newspapers, to get in touch with these people. Tobin, Chief Deputy United States Marshal, advised last night, when contacted, that he understood these instructions, and that it was his understanding that the Marshal also was aware of these instructions. They were unable to contact the Marshal as he left last night for Madison, Wisconsin. Assistant District Attorney Harry Connaughton, who the Chicago office has also been unable to contact, took upon himself to arrange to send Marie Conforti on to Madison, without consulting the Chicago Office in any way at all about the matter. The story which appears in the newspapers theretoday, in part, is as follows:

"Resentful and Bitter. She was a resentful and bitter girl as she was prepared for Madison journey last night whither she was taken by United States Marshal William H. McDonald and several deputies for Marie has become an important person since she trained with the forty-two gang who she contemptuously referred to as "punk". According to Marie, everybody is against her; The Government who knew her as a Dillinger moll, the Federal agents who gathered her in, the Sheriffs, Wardens and several jails where she has sojourned; particularly is she bitter against the sheriff of the Eagle River Jail at Wisconsin, for she says he kept her last gift from Van Meter, a pedigree Boston bull. She says the Federal men hounded her in going back with the gang after she was given probation and was trying to go straight, working as a waitress. Said she - they took me on long rides trying to make me break and trap the others. They took me to the home of Mrs. Gillis, mother of "Baby Face" Nelson and made me pretend that I was trying to get clothes from her. Thought they would get something on "Baby Face" that way.

"Tortured by Cowley. Marie said she was sorry Federal Agent Herbert E. Hollis was killed in the recent tough battle with "Baby Face" at Barrington, but didn't regret the death of Agent Samuel P. Cowley one bit. She explained that this way. He used to get real tough with me. When they had me here in Chicago and they were looking for Nelson he chained me to a chair and every

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Memo for the Director.

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few minutes he would ask me - "Where is Nelson"? Every time I said I didn't know he slapped me and punched me. Once when I couldn't stand it - I yelled "You shot Dillinger in the back". Marie is sincerely glad to be in custody, or so she says. In Duluth, she said that she had only one year to live."

Mr. Connelley said that the actions on the part of the Marshall's office were apparently deliberate in connection with this; that nobody had advised them that Conforti was being brought in to Chicago.

Mr. Connelley advised that someone connected with the Barker-Karpis outfit was expected to arrive in Chicago today. He also stated that in connection with the hotel they are covering on "Ellis" Gray, they are having quite a problem on their hands; that there are about seven or eight houses of prostitution connected with this, and they are having a hard time learning anything; that the women are making quite a lot of money in this line, one woman making \$50 in one afternoon. However, they had received definite word that one of the girls by the name of Mildred had gone out to meet the fellows connected with this outfit.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box #2118  
Detroit, Michigan  
December 27, 1934

Director  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. #1213;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232;  
ET AL - Edward George Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that the second and last run of report of Special Agent D. E. Hall dated at Detroit, Michigan December 21, 1934 has been completed and the following copies are being forwarded this date. All offices have now received their designated copies:

Chicago (1)  
St. Paul (1)  
Jacksonville (1)  
Kansas City (1)  
Butte (1)  
Cincinnati (1)  
St. Louis (1)  
Omaha (1)  
San Francisco (1)  
Detroit (1)

Very truly yours,

*Wm. Larson*  
Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - All offices above

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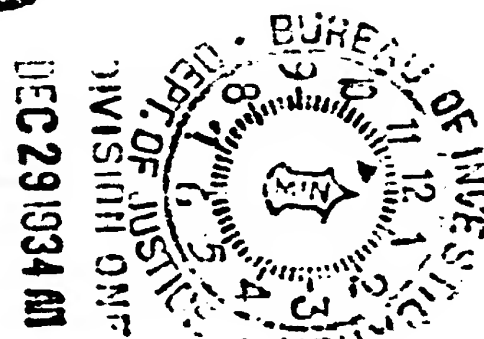
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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
December 28, 1934

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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O.  
#1219; RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases,  
I.O. #1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with  
aliases, I.O. #1232; Et Al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to Division letter of December 19, 1934 calling attention to Division letter of November 12th wherein it was requested that the matter of obtaining the names and addresses of additional relatives of Kate Barker be given immediate and thorough attention.

The report of Special Agent Paul Hansen of this office in this case dated November 16, 1934 contains a list of the relatives of Kate Barker and from an examination of the file it appears that copies of this report were routed to the Division. In the event copies of said report were not received, please advise me and appropriate copies will be furnished immediately.

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-St. Paul  
Chicago (Connelley)

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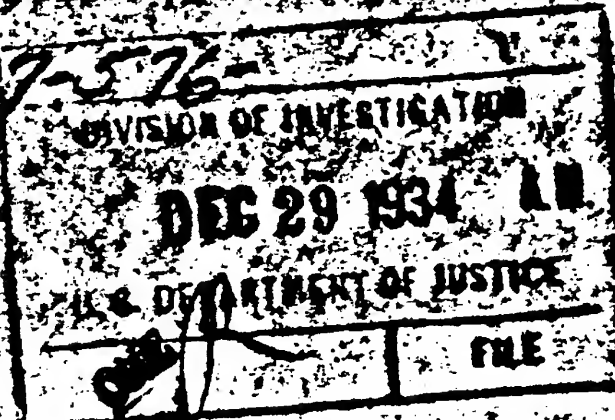
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1616 Federal Reserve  
Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri

December 27, 1934

Mr. E. J. Connelley  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 829  
Chicago, Illinois



Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219  
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1213  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,  
I.O. #1232; ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to your telephone call to this office on the afternoon of December 24, 1934, concerning the visit of Mrs. Tillie Lonquest and her daughter, Barbara, to the family of J. W. Cross at Leona, Kansas.

On December 24, 1934, Special Agents A. R. Miller and E. P. Cruise of this office proceeded to Troy, Kansas, which is the county seat of the county in which Leona is situated, and there interviewed Deputy Sheriff Larsen, who has been cooperative with this office in the past. Mr. Larsen advised the Agents that he was acquainted with one Jasper Cross, who resided at Leona, and who was employed by the County Highway Department in maintaining highways, making the salary of \$125.00 a month. According to Mr. Larsen, this Cross has always borne a good reputation in the community. Mr. Larsen accompanied the Agents to Leona, where the Postmaster, Mr. Dennis, was interviewed. Mr. Dennis advised that Jasper Cross is J. W. Cross. He confirmed the information given by Mr. Larsen as to the good reputation and present employment of Cross. Cross resides in the town of Leona, which has a population of approximately two hundred fifty, is married and has no children. He is approximately fifty years of age. At the time the Agents were in Leona, they were advised that practically the entire population of the town was in attendance at a Christmas festival. Mr. Dennis advised that Mr. Cross had informed him that he and "the folks" expected to attend this festival, and Mr. Dennis was of the opinion that by the phrase "the folks" he meant relatives who were visiting in Leona. Mr. Dennis recalled that Mrs. Cross has a sister named Lonquest, who frequently visits at Leona.

December 27, 1934

Mr. E. J. Connelley

The Agents were unable to determine at the time of their stay in Leona whether or not the Pontiac automobile supposed to be driven by the Longests was in Leona. From the observations which they made, it would seem extremely unlikely that any members of the gang in this case would attempt to make contact with the Longests at Leona.

During the interviews with Messrs. Larsen and Dennis it was impressed on them that under no circumstances should anyone be apprised of the fact that inquiries were being made. They were not informed of the nature of the case or of the interest of the Division in the Longests, the inquiries being entirely directed to obtaining information concerning Cross and his family.

It is impractical under the circumstances to attempt to maintain a surveillance at Leona during the proposed stay of these persons there, but it is contemplated that a further visit will be paid to Leona by Agents of this office within the next few days, merely for the purpose of a brief observation. If this procedure does not meet with your approval, I will appreciate your advising me.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - Division



1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

December 27, 1934

W. J. Connelley,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 829,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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In Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219  
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1213  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1212, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
DEC 31 1934  
Your office is in receipt of a letter from the Los Angeles Office dated December 20, 1934 under the caption "RUSSELL GIBSON, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, wherein it is stated that a letter addressed to subject's mother at Los Angeles, California appears to be identical with the handwriting of subject Gibson; the letter having been postmarked at Kansas City, Missouri December 19, 1934 with return address of 508 Myrtle Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

By reference to report of Special Agent K. C. Spear dated at Kansas City, Missouri December 19, 1934, a recent investigation at Kansas City to ascertain if Gibson was in Kansas City at this time will be noted. It may be further stated that after the interview with Tony Cizzo reported on page three of that report, Cizzo telephoned Special Agent H. E. Andersen and advised him that if this Division was of the opinion that Gibson was in Kansas City it was mistaken as he, Cizzo, had ascertained through his contacts that Gibson is not present here.

It will, of course, be recalled that 508 Myrtle Street, Kansas City, Missouri is the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fisher, the father and mother of Clara Fisher Gibson, subject Gibson's wife.

It is noted that Special Agent W. D. Brown of the Chicago Office telephoned the Kansas City Office during the evening of December 21, 1934 with reference to the departure of Mrs. Label Guymon, sister of Clara Gibson, for Kansas City from Chicago December 21, 1934. During that telephonic conversation Agent Brown advised that an individual positively identified as Russell Gibson had been seen in Chicago December 18, 1934, which it will be noted is the date prior to that when the letter was mailed from Kansas City to subject

Through surveillance by Agents of this Office it is known that Mrs. Guymon and her brother, Frank Fisher, arrived at Kansas City on December 22, 1934 and thereafter went to the home of the Fishers at 802 Myrtle Street, Kansas City, Missouri. It is further known that Mrs. Guymon was in Kansas City as late as December 24, 1934.

You are further advised that contact has been had this day, December 27, 1934, with Laura Verier, an employee of the Emergency Food Office of the United States Department of Agriculture, Life Stock Exchange Building, Kansas City, Missouri, residence, with the Fisher's at 802 Myrtle Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Miss Verier has been living at this address for about two months and upon interview by Special Agent A. R. Miller she advised that subject Gibson had not visited at the Fisher home during the period of her residence, to the best of her knowledge, and she believes if he had visited there she would know of such visit. Miss Verier was unable to give any further information of value to this investigation other than the statement that she had heard one of the Fisher's daughters, which she presumed was Clara Fisher Gibson, was now in New York. Further contacts will be had with Miss Verier and the results of same will be promptly reported.

It is also noted that Mrs. Guymon and Frank Fisher above named are still in Kansas City, however, it is understood that Frank Fisher is leaving Kansas City probably to return to Chicago within the next day or two.

Very truly yours,

R. B. BATHAN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Los Angeles  
St. Paul  
Division  
Oklahoma City  
26-2217  
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P. O. DRAWER 1457,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

December 24, 1934.

Postmaster,  
Spring Valley,  
Illinois.

In re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I. O. 1218.  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,  
I. O. 1219, et al.  
Edward George Bremer, Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

In connection with official investigation being made by this office, it is desired that tracings of all first class mail addressed to Dr. James Moran, 112 West Cleveland St., Spring Valley, Ill. and to Mrs. Kate Lauer, 314 E. Dakota St., Spring Valley, Ill., be forwarded to this office.

It is requested that this cover be kept for a period of thirty days.

Please be assured that your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Washington Field Office, Room 5745,  
Washington, D. C.

December 29, 1934.

Mr. A. E. Baughman,  
Commissioner of Motor Vehicles,  
Quillford Avenue and 21st Street,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
I. O. #1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM;  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation, this office respectfully requests that you search your registrations to ascertain if 1934 licenses have been issued for the following described automobiles:

Ford V-8 Coach; Motor No. 1130943; 1934 Illinois  
License No. 1266231.  
Ford V-8 Victoria Coupe; Motor No. 1142463;  
1934 Illinois License No. 1289927.

If the above described automobiles are not presently registered in your office, it is requested that you place a "Stop" card in your files to advise this office by telephone should they be registered for the year 1935.

This office may be reached by telephone, collect, National 4238 during the day, and after midnight - National 7119.

Your confidential cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

When calling or corresponding concerning this matter, kindly refer to File No. 7-63.

Very truly yours,

J. M. KEITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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POST OFFICE BOX 829  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

December 28, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Buffalo, New York

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1219  
ARTUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219  
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. 1219  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232 et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim, KIDNAPING

With reference to the report of Special Agent S. V. Doherty, Buffalo, New York, dated December 26, 1934, and the undeveloped lead indicated therein as to whether or not surveillance is desired as to Gladys Hodil, as indicated in my prior telegram to you it is not believed that any particular surveillance of this woman is necessary, inasmuch as you have satisfied yourself that apparently she is not in any way contacting any of the subjects of this case.

As indicated in my communication to you previously, her only connection is an association with Barbara Lonquist, 439 Arlington Place, Chicago, Illinois, who is known to be an intimate associate of Edward Kuhlman, paramour of Arthur R. Barker. It is believed sufficient if the contacts indicated in your letter are carried out in order that you may be advised of anything that might develop and warrant any further attention as to this woman. When she returns to Chicago she undoubtedly will again associate herself with Barbara Lonquist, whom we have covered here.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge,  
(Special Assignment)

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CC Division  
CC St. Paul

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Washington Field Office, Room 5745,  
Washington, D. C.

December 29, 1934.

Mr. John Q. Rhodes, Jr.,  
Director,  
Division of Motor Vehicles,  
Richmond, Virginia.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
I. O. #1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM;  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation, this office respectfully requests that you search your registrations to ascertain if 1934 licenses have been issued for the following described automobiles:

Ford V-8 Coach; Motor No. 1130843; 1934 Illinois  
License No. 1266231.

Ford V-8 Victoria Coupe; Motor No. 1142463;  
1934 Illinois License No. 1289927.

If the above described automobiles are not presently registered in your office, it is requested that you place a "Stop" card in your files to advise this office by telephone should they be registered for the year 1935.

This office may be reached by telephone, collect, National 4238 during the day, and after midnight - National 7117.

Your confidential cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

When calling or corresponding concerning this matter, kindly refer to File No. 7-63.

Very truly yours,

J. M. KEITE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Little Rock, Arkansas  
December 27th, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1212;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. #1213;  
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I. O. #1215;  
MR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. #1222;  
ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your communication of December 20th, 1934, requesting the Little Rock Office to interview Mr. E. E. Bonn, Superintendent of the Little Rock Division of the Railway Express Agency, with a view of obtaining the cooperation of that Agency in covering any packages which might be received by relatives of Subjects Davis and Barker.

In the absence of Mr. Bonn, who was away from his office on account of illness, Mr. E. E. Hart, Chief Clerk of the Railway Express Agency, Little Rock, was interviewed. He stated that he would immediately instruct the Railway Express Agent, Mr. E. C. Kace at Moosho, Missouri by telegram to notify the Kansas City Office in case any packages were received by the relatives of Subjects designated in your letter and to cooperate with the Agents of this Division in every possible manner, with reference to instant matter. Mr. Hart stated that the Joplin Office of the Railway Express Agency is covered by the St. Louis Office.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,  
Special Agent in Charge

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E. J. Connelley-Chicago  
St. Paul

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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Post Office Drawer 1457  
St. Louis, Missouri  
December 28, 1934

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O. #1212.  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,  
I.O. #1219, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

I have your letter of December 28, 1934 acknowledging  
my request for thirty day cover on the mail of Dr. James Moran,  
112 West Cleveland St., Spring Valley, Illinois and Mrs. Kate  
Lawer, 314 East Dakota St., Spring Valley, Illinois.

Your interpretation of my request is correct and  
it will not be necessary to furnish tracing of mail or letters  
received by these persons from strictly business firms.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit, Michigan  
December 29, 1934

Mr. H. E. McConnell  
Title Division  
Secretary of State's Office  
Lansing, Michigan

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases I.O. #1218  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases I.O. #1219  
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases I.O. #1218  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases I.O. #123  
et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

In connection with a very highly important case presently being investigated by this Division, it is kindly requested that a stop notice be placed in your files on the following described automobiles and that this office be immediately advised by telephone, collect, in the event an attempt should be made by anyone to register any of said vehicles in the State of Michigan for the year 1935.

Ford V-8 Coach, motor number 1130843  
Ford V-8 Victoria Coupe, motor number 1142463  
1933 Model Pontiac Coach, motor number 935155,  
serial number 815237.

With reference to the Pontiac Coach, in addition to furnishing the information above requested, it is desired, in the event same is registered in the State of Michigan, that this office be advised to whom license was issued for this car for the year 1934.

In communicating with this office relative to this matter, please refer to our file number 7-25.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul

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Washington Field Office, Room 5745,  
Washington, D. C.

December 29, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Van Duzer,  
Director,  
Motor Vehicles and Traffic,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
I. O. #1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM;  
KIDNAPING.

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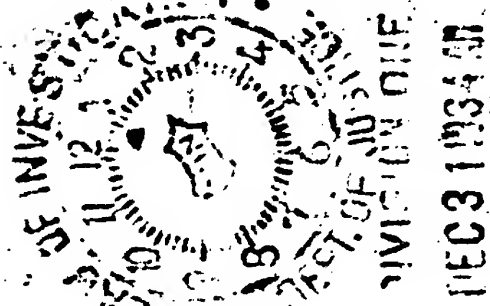
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Very truly yours,

J. M. KEITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
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December 28, 1934

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 823,  
Chicago, Illinois.

In Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219  
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1213  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1252, ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

In connection with the long distance telephone conversation had with you on this date by Special Agent M. C. Spear of this Office, please be advised that a further conversation with Assistant Sheriff John Kelley at Kansas City, Missouri has developed that Mr. Kelley's informant, [redacted] secured the date at the Buffalo Inn operated by C. R. Tate on December 26, 1934 that Russell Gibson is probably now at 1253 La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

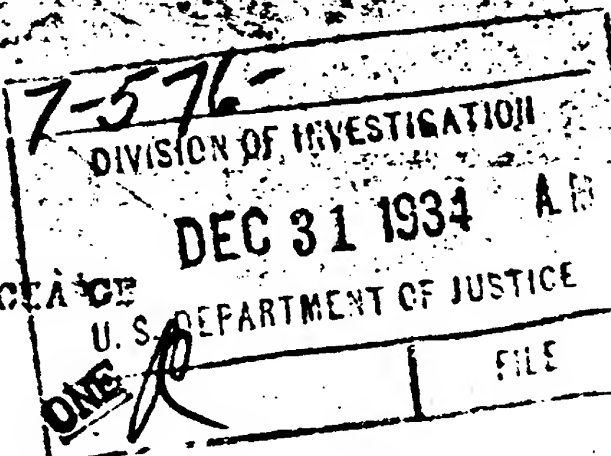
Mr. Kelley was informed that while [redacted] was in conversation with Tate regarding various former chauffeurs of Cass Welch at Kansas City, the subject of Russell Gibson was brought up by [redacted] asked Tate whether he had recently heard from Gibson and Tate replied in the negative. It was said, however, that another individual whose name has not as yet been secured was present and advised [redacted] that Russell Gibson is now doing very well and that he has a joint in Chicago and is residing at 1253 La Salle Street there. That individual informed [redacted] also that he had had a letter from Gibson at that address "the day before yesterday" which would have been three days ago. Mr. Kelley is securing the name of this individual who did the speaking at that time and he will advise the Kansas City Office.

With reference to the individual's name mentioned herein above your attention is directed to report of Special Agent M. C. Spear dated at Kansas City December 19, 1934.

Very truly yours,

R. B. BATHAN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Division  
St. Paul  
Oklahoma City  
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POST OFFICE BOX 812,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

December 26, 1934.

Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that tracings be  
furnished this office of all mail received by persons  
residing at 439 Arlington Place, Chicago, Illinois.

It is further requested that tracings be made of  
mail received by persons residing in apartment 2, 641  
Oakdale Street, Chicago, Illinois.

In submitting such tracings it will be appreciated  
if the clerk making the tracing will mark same with the  
number 7-82 in order that it may be properly identified  
by this office.

Your cooperation in submitting tracings on mail  
received at the above mentioned addresses will be greatly  
appreciated.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Division ✓

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. 1213;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O.  
1232; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

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422 Midland Savings Bldg.,  
Denver, Colo.,  
December 29, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Personal and Confidential

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218, ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of December 22, 1934,  
addressed to the Division, regarding [redacted] who is de-  
sirous of securing Division employment as an undercover infor-  
mant.

Please be advised that [redacted] left Denver last evening  
for Kansas City, Missouri, where he is to do some undercover  
work for Max D. Melville, Special Prosecutor appointed by the  
City and County of Denver in connection with a Special County  
Grand Jury, investigating gambling and graft in which city and  
county officials of Denver are involved. This office is not in-  
terested in any way in the special County Grand Jury investiga-  
tion, and the services of [redacted] were secured by Melville in-  
dependently and without the knowledge of this office. However,  
[redacted] informed me yesterday of his temporary employment and  
stated that inasmuch as his work would put him in contact with  
Bossie Nigro and other underworld characters of Kansas City, he  
would be on the alert for any information as to the possible loca-  
tion of subjects of this case, and that he would call on you  
either January 1 or 2, 1935 and furnish whatever information he  
had been able to secure regarding members of the Karpis-Barker  
gang. In this connection, I wish to advise that [redacted] was not re-  
quested to perform this service and that any action on his part  
is voluntary and gratuitous.

Very truly yours,

JAY C. NEWMAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul  
E. J. Connelley.

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Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.			

# WESTERN UNION

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to  
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R G HARVEY  
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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
735 PHILADELPHIA SAVING FUND BUILDING  
PHILADELPHIA PA

REKID SHERIFFS OFFICE HERE RECEIVED LETTER FROM MRS ELSIE LAMBERT CARE  
R R COLLINS LAUREL DELAWARE MAILED AT SAN FRANCISCO DECEMBER TWENTY FOUR LAST  
ADVISING SHE SAILED FROM MANILA PI DECEMBER FOURTH AND OBSERVED RUSSELL GIBSON  
AT ORIENTE HOTEL IN MANILA STOP IDENTIFICATION BASED ON NEWSPAPER PHOTOGRAPH WHICH  
SHE ENCLOSED SUGGEST MRS LAMBERT BE INTERVIEWED PROMPTLY FOR MORE DETAILED  
INFORMATION AND IDENTIFICATION

Official Business  
Gov't. Rate Paid  
Charge Div. of Investigation  
224 Federal Building  
cc: Division; St. Paul; Connelley (Chicago)  
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NEWCOMB CARLTON  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Dec. 28, 1934.

**E. J. CONNELLEY**  
c/o DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
US DEPT OF JUSTICE  
1900 BANKERS' BLDG  
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

**BREKID MRS GLADYS HODIL DAUGHTER OF MRS ANNA SPRINGER**  
**HODIL FORMERLY HOSTESS BUFFALO CABARET ADVISE WHETHER**  
**CONTINUOUS SURVEILLANCE OF G. HODIL DESIRED.**

MAC FARLAND

CC Division - St. Paul.  
5:45 pm

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S.  
WESTERN UNION

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CHARGE

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
DECEMBER 26, 1934.

J. P. MacFARLAND  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
612 MARINE TRUST BLD.  
BUFFALO, N. Y.

BREKID CONTINUOUS SURVEILLANCE MRS GLADYS HODIL UNNECESSARY AND  
UNDESIRABLE STOP CONNECTION WITH SUBJECTS LIMITED IF ANY STOP  
HODIL MUST NOT LEARN OF INVESTIGATION

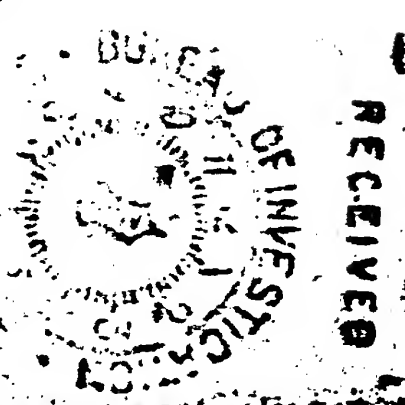
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CC: DIVISION

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Post Office Box 1876  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
December 31, 1934



PH:VO  
7-36

George Hill,  
Post Office Inspector in Charge,  
Federal Building,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly arrange to have a mail cover placed on all of the first class mail received at the following addresses for a period of thirty days:

419 South Main Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.  
726 North Wheeling Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.  
416 East Oklahoma Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.  
818 South Rockford Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.  
1660 East 8th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

This is in connection with the case of Paul Brown discussed with you on December 20, 1934, and is a result of a letter to this Division dated January 2, 1935, in which you requested that mail covers be placed on the mail received at the above addresses for a period of thirty days. In view of the importance of the case I feel justified in requesting you to place the additional covers.

It will be appreciated if you could return the letter to this Division immediately upon receipt of the mail and in doing so, kindly refer to file 7-576.

Thanking you for your past cooperation with the Division,

I am

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division

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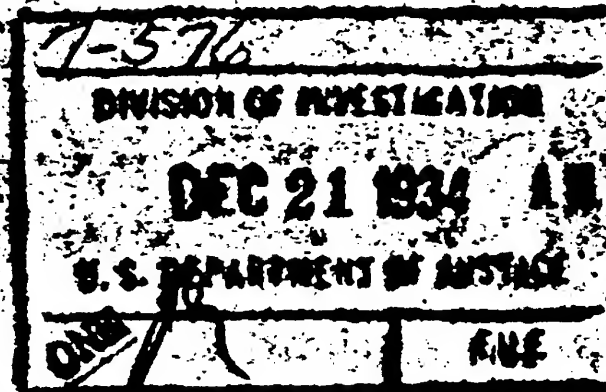
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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit, Michigan  
December 19, 1934



Mr. E. J. Connelley  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 629  
Chicago, Illinois



Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1215  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219  
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. 1215  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232  
Et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Supplementing letter from this office dated December 17, 1934, please be advised that on December 18, 1934, Special Agent D. E. Hall again interviewed [REDACTED]

Informant advised [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In addition to the information contained in letter of December 17, 1934, that Mildred Kuhlman had been registered at the Morrison Hotel under the name of Mrs. Esser of Akron, Ohio, and the tall blond hard-looking woman with her was registered there under the name of Allen. This woman's correct name is supposed to be Patricia Lonquest, and her residence is supposed to be at 641 Oakdale Street, Chicago, Illinois.

[REDACTED] was unable to secure any information as to a friend of Barbara Lonquest at 641 Oakdale Street, Chicago, Illinois, or as to Lucille Coleman, 57 East Oak Street, Chicago, Illinois, or A. P. Allen, 231 South 7th Avenue, LaGrange, Illinois.

[REDACTED] It should be noted that Mildred was previously married to one Norman Clark at Toledo, Ohio. Informant is of the opinion that the woman who asked this question [REDACTED] as someone who had probably lived in Toledo and knew Mildred there under the name of Clark, but that Mildred could probably not recall [REDACTED]



her and for that reason her suspicions were aroused.

It should be noted that Mildred Kuhlman has no criminal record in the Police Department at Toledo, Ohio, and Informant states she has never been arrested. Informant had been endeavoring to secure a photograph of Mildred in the possession of Thelma Holst unknown to Thelma, but to date has been unsuccessful. He is continuing his efforts along this line.

It is noted on page 36 of the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois, October 1, 1934, that Jimmie Wilson stated that Doc Barker while in Toledo partied with one Marie, a cook at the Casino Club in Toledo. Informant stated that this individual is Marie Borley; that during the past summer and early fall she cooked at the Casino Club operated by Ted Angus, and has lived with Maud Swing at 718 Brighton Avenue, Toledo. She was married to one Borley from whom she has been separated, and according to informant some man has been keeping her in Toledo. On December 17, 1934, Marie, according to Informant, obtained a divorce from Borley, and on December 18, 1934, Maud Swing advised [redacted] that Marie had been kept by a hoodlum; that things were getting too hot for him in Toledo and Marie and he had left Toledo on December 17, saying they were going to Texas.

[redacted] He will ascertain the identity of the man with whom Marie left, and also more definite or probably exact information as to where they have gone and their address there. He advised that no information could be secured from Maud Swing by agents, and that she would probably become very suspicious if approached in any manner concerning Marie. It is not known that Marie is with any members of the Karpis-Barker gang, but inasmuch as she formerly associated with Doc Barker and was employed at the Casino Club by Ted Angus who it is known is a contact of the gang, it is believed the identity of the hoodlum with whom she left Toledo should be determined, and accordingly informant will be contacted as soon as feasible to secure the information concerning Marie and the hoodlum with whom she left.

It is not known what Marie's maiden name was or whether she has adopted it since her divorce. She is described by informant as follows:

Age	About 38 years
Height	5 feet 1 or 2 inches
Weight	140 pounds
Build	Plump
Complexion	Dark
Hair	Black
Eyes	Blue
Build	Stout
	Very modest dresser

[REDACTED]

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

DEH:vas  
cc Division  
St. Paul



P.O. BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

December 22, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Buffalo,  
New York.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with  
aliases, I.O. 1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with  
aliases, I.O. 1219; RUSSELL  
GIBSON, with aliases, I.O.  
1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,  
with aliases, I.O. 1232; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the above entitled case.  
It is noted that no copy of the report of Special Agent  
G.V. Doherty, dated Buffalo, New York December 19, 1934,  
was indicated for the St. Paul office. Inasmuch as  
St. Paul is the office of origin in this matter, it is  
suggested that two copies of each and every report made  
on this case be forwarded to that office.

Very truly yours,

M.H. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

DEL:FB  
7-82

cc Division  
St. Paul

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P. O. Box 64  
Buffalo, New York

December 27, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box #515,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O. #1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with  
aliases, I.O. #1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases,  
I.O. #1215; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,  
with aliases, I.O. #1232; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed herewith two copies of the  
report of Special Agent G. V. Doherty, Buffalo, New York,  
dated December 19, 1934, in the above captioned matter, for  
your files.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge.

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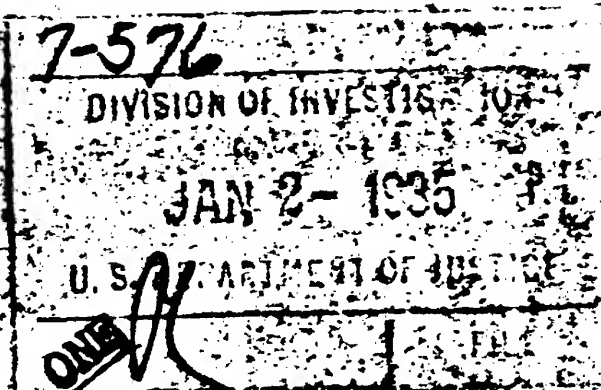
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St. Louis, Missouri  
December 31, 1934

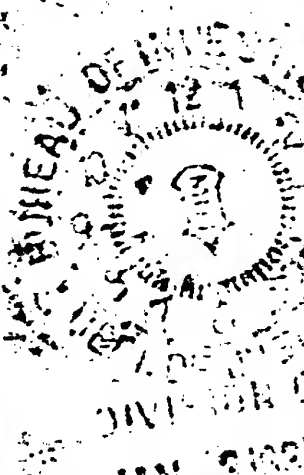


Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 839,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1212;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases I.O.#1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O.#1213;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.  
#1232, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

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This letter confirms the telephone conversation between  
Special Agent W. L. Shivers of this office and Special Agent E. J.  
Connelley at Chicago, Illinois December 29, 1934 in which information  
was furnished Special Agent Connelley that Mrs. May Harrison, 4538  
Sibona Ave., St. Louis, Missouri, mother of Willie Harrison, received  
a letter which was postmarked at Harvey, Illinois December 24, 1934  
bearing the return address of L. Ferrel, 15723 Burlington Ave.,  
Harvey, Illinois.

For information of the Chicago office, it is stated that  
Special Agent E. J. Connelley of the St. Louis office, who is not  
yet back here to the William J. Harrison home, was talking to  
Mrs. Harrison, the mother of Willie Harrison, December 29, and was  
told that the letter was mailed from Chicago, Illinois. Agent Connelley was  
unable to ascertain the address from which this package had been  
mailed. Despite the fact that the postal authorities here, were  
cautious to furnish the St. Louis Office with tracing of all  
received at the Harrison home during the Christmas holidays, a  
tracing of the package in question was not furnished.

The postman who delivered this package was con-  
tacted and stated that, to the best of his recollection, it was  
mailed from Harvey, Illinois. The clerk in charge of the parcel  
post division of the St. Louis Post Office on being contacted, stated  
that he had instructions to obtain tracings on all packages delivered  
to the Harrison home, but that apparently the package referred to  
escaped his notice.

Very truly yours,

RLS:P 7-43  
cc Division, cc St. Paul

R. E. VATTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge

BLD:JCH  
7-56

P. O. Box 1878,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
December 31, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1212;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O.  
#1219; RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases,  
I.O. #1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with  
aliases, I.O. #1238; ET AL.;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim,  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent B. P. Cruise,  
Kansas City, 10/8/34 wherein the Little Rock Office is requested to review  
their investigative file entitled Earl Stuchlick, et al, New Orleans Office  
of Origin.

We are in receipt of a letter from the Little Rock Office advis-  
ing that they have no file of this title and requested that the records of  
this office be examined for such a file.

The only file in this office is entitled Earl Stuchlick with  
aliases, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, office of origin Kansas City,  
your file #26-4183.

In view of the fact that the New Orleans Office was requested  
to review their file, this lead is being disregarded.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division  
Little Rock  
St. Paul  
Chicago  
New Orleans

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1616 Federal Reserve  
Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri

December 31, 1934

Mr. E. J. Connelley  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 829  
Chicago, Illinois

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
JAN 4 - 1935  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
ONE FILE

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219  
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1213  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232  
ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to telephonic conversation with you of December 24, 1934, at which time you were advised that H. G. Stanley, known associate of Volney Davis, was presently residing at 206 East Adams Street, Pittsburg, Kansas.

In this connection, information has been received from Thomas Stowers, of the Pittsburg, Kansas, Police Department, that a 1934 Pontiac Sedan bearing Missouri registration 585-264, had been seen in the vicinity of the Stanley residence.

Upon receipt of this information, inquiry was made of the Secretary of State's office at Jefferson City, Missouri, and information was received that the above registration was issued to Grace R. Hansen, Box 102, Belton, Missouri, for a 1934 Pontiac Sedan, motor #1058715. Missouri title indicates that this car was purchased on October 11, 1934, from the Noel V. Wood Motor Company, Inc., 24th and Grand Streets, Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. C. E. Douglas, sales manager for the Noel V. Wood Motor Company, Inc., upon being interviewed, stated that the instant car was purchased by a woman on the date of October 11, 1934, and that she paid \$886.90 cash. At the time of the purchase of the automobile, Grace R.

December 31, 1934

Hansen stated that she was buying the car while her boy friend was flush. Mr. Lohmeyer, salesman with the Noel V. Wood Motor Company, Inc., was also contacted. It is Mr. Lohmeyer who sold the instant car to Grace R. Hansen. Photographs of persons sought in connection with this investigation were exhibited to both Mr. G. E. Douglas and Mr. Lohmeyer. However, they stated that none of the pictures exhibited resembled the party who purchased the automobile. Since the date of purchase, this car has been serviced by the Noel V. Wood Motor Company, Inc., on the following dates:

November 3, 1934 - mileage 6,803  
November 12, 1934 - mileage 7,011  
December 17, 1934 - mileage 12,240  
December 22, 1934 - mileage 13,484

Further inquiry was made at Belton, Missouri, which is located approximately fifteen miles south of Kansas City on U. S. Highway #71. J. O. Cochnamer, Postmaster, stated that a party giving the name of G. R. Hansen had rented Box #102 for the last quarter of a year. Mr. Cochnamer recalls that only one or two letters other than letters received from the Secretary of State's office, Jefferson City, Missouri, were received at the box. The lease on Box #102 expires as of December 31, 1934. It was also ascertained that the same party who rented Box #102 at Belton, Missouri, also secured a Belton city automobile license. Mr. H. H. Thompson, City Marshal, advised that a party giving the name of G. R. Hansen had made application on November 11, 1934, for such a license, and that license #164 was issued to this party. This license expires on February 15, 1935. At the time of procuring the Belton city license, Hansen stated that he was living within the city limits of Belton. However, inquiries made at various places in Belton failed to locate any person by the name of G. R. Hansen or Grace R. Hansen.

Photographs of individuals being investigated in this case were also shown to Mr. H. H. Thompson, and while his identification was not definite, he indicated that the photograph of Volney Davis, as contained in the strip of photographs of the Bremer subjects, resembled the person known to him as G. R. Hansen.

Very truly yours,

R. B. KATHAN  
Special Agent in Charge

WBO:BN  
7-37 cc - Division  
St. Paul  
Oklahoma City



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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

December 27, 1934

E. J. Connelley,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 829,  
Chicago, Illinois.

In Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219  
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1213  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,  
I. O. #1232, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent O. C. Dewey dated  
at Omaha, Nebraska December 24, 1934 in the above captioned case wherein leads  
are set out for the Kansas City Office and other offices looking towards the  
location of Clyde Wimerick.

You will note by reference to report of Special Agent J. E.  
Daley dated at St. Louis, Missouri August 16, 1934 in the instant case, Frances  
Heiser was located and interviewed by the St. Louis Office, the results of the  
interview being set out in Daley's report above described. It is noted at the  
conclusion of Daley's report that Frances Heiser stated that she intended to  
return to the home of her sister, Mrs. William, at 1819 Lake Wood Avenue, Lima,  
Ohio in about a month which would have been in September, 1934. Accordingly  
investigation by this office to locate Frances Heiser will be disregarded.

The requested investigation at Parsons, Kansas will be made at  
the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Division  
Detroit  
Denver  
Birmingham  
Indianapolis  
Dallas  
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January 7, 1935.

7-576-3661

Special Agent in Charge,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219  
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1215  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1217, ETAL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent G. G. Dewey, dated Omaha, Nebraska, December 24, 1934. On page 8, it is noted that a letter was found in the file of the State Bureau of Identification, Des Moines, Iowa, to the effect that Charles J. Fitzgerald, as John Hammond, pled guilty to a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act at St. Paul, Minnesota, on December 11, 1933 and was placed on probation. An examination of the fingerprint records in the Identification Unit, of the Division, discloses that John Hammond and Charles J. Fitzgerald are not identical, although they have similar names, with similar aliases.

On page 8 of the report of reference, it is noted that there is a full length photograph and full palm prints of Clyde Wimerick available at the Police Department, Des Moines, Iowa. It is desired that this photograph and palm prints be obtained and forwarded to the Division immediately.

It is also desired that a photograph of Frances Nelson, who was arrested as Mrs. C. B. Harris in Des Moines, Iowa with Clyde Wimerick on December 19, 1931, be obtained and forwarded to the Division, if available.

With reference to Frances Nelson, who has been previously interviewed, as reflected in report of Special Agent J. E. Daley, dated at St. Louis, Missouri, August 16, 1934, submitted in the above entitled case, the Division desires that her activities be further investigated with a view to determining whether she is contacting Wimerick or members of the Barker-Karpis gang. The St. Louis Office is instructed to give this matter immediate attention.

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A copy of the report of Special Agent J. E. Haley is being enclosed with a copy of this letter designated for the Detroit Division Office, in order that appropriate investigation can be conducted at Lima, Ohio, with a view to determining the identity and character of Mrs. Dillman, a sister of Frances Heine, who resides at 1819 Lakeside Avenue, Lima, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-St. Louis  
Detroit  
E.J. Connelley, Chicago  
St. Paul  
Kansas City



# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

St. Paul, Minn.

FILE NO. 7-9

REPORT MADE AT: Indianapolis, Ind.	DATE WHEN MADE: 12-29-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12-26/27-34	REPORT MADE BY: E. J. WYNN VLD
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1215; DR. JOS. P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Neither a Ford V-8 Coach, Motor #1130843, or a Ford V-8 Victoria Coupe, Motor #1142463, have been titled in Indiana. Pontiac Sedan, 1933 model, Motor #935155, Serial #815227, titled in Indiana June 16, 1933, in the name of Carl Quick, Macy, Indiana, it being a new car purchased from Fred McKown, Warsaw, Indiana, and received 1933 license plates #531 507. Application was handled at the License Bureau at Rochester, Ind. Indiana License Bureau records reflect application was made by Carl Quick on June 14, 1934 to license said car in state of Illinois. Unable to ascertain at Indianapolis whether said car licensed in Indiana for 1934. Appropriate notices placed in files Indiana State License Dept. on these three cars.			
Reference: Letter from the Chicago office dated December 26, 1934.			
DETAILS: <u>AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA</u> At the Indiana Automobile License Department, State House, Indianapolis, Indiana, it was ascertained that there are no records there on Ford V-8 Coach, Motor #1130843, or Ford V-8 Victoria Coupe, Motor #1142463. Appropriate notices were placed in the files of said License Department in order that the Indianapolis Division Office might be notified in the event said cars are titled in the state of Indiana.			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>H. H. Rineck</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 7-576-3662 DEC 31 1934 DEC 31 1934 A.M. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: FILE	
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With reference to the car described in the letter of reference as a 1933 model Pontiac Coach, Motor #935 155, Serial #815 237, the files of the Indiana Automobile License Department reflect that on June 16, 1933, Carl Quick, Macy, Indiana, made application for Certificate of Title on Pontiac Sedan (not coach), Motor #935 155, Serial #815 227 (not #815 237), at the Indiana Branch Bureau at Rochester, Indiana; that the application for Certificate of Title indicated that the car was a new car, purchased June 16, 1933, the vendor being Fred McKown, Warsaw, Indiana; that 1933 license plates #531 507 were issued to Carl Quick on this car, and Indiana Certificate of Title #1889664, was issued to Carl Quick on said car.

The records further reflect a communication from the Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, dated June 14, 1934, in the nature of an Illinois Automobile Department form entitled "Notice of Receipt of Out of State Title", and being indicated that Carl Quick on June 14, 1934, made application at Springfield, Illinois to title the above described Pontiac Sedan in the State of Illinois, and had at that time surrendered his Indiana Certificate of Title #1889664.

It was impossible to determine whether or not the Pontiac Sedan was licensed in Indiana for the year 1934. In Indiana, a Certificate of Title once issued on a car, remains valid from year to year, and it is not necessary to retitle an automobile every year. License plates are issued throughout the state at numerous license bureau branches, and each branch maintains its own alphabetical file on the purchasers of license plates. It is therefore impossible at Indianapolis at the Department to place a Stop on an automobile which was previously titled in Indiana in order to determine when new license plates are issued, inasmuch as the title is not examined nor are the files of motor numbers examined. However, in view of the fact that the Pontiac Sedan was apparently titled in Illinois in June, 1934, at which time the Indiana Certificate of Title was surrendered to the Secretary of State of Illinois, it would probably be necessary to retitle the car in Indiana upon the basis of a foreign registration, and because of this, the motor number file would be examined for previous registration. Accordingly, appropriate notice was placed in the motor number file of the Department at Indianapolis requesting that the Indianapolis Division office be notified in the event that an attempt is made to title the Pontiac Sedan in the State of Indiana in the year 1935. The alphabetical file of purchasers of 1934 license plates at Indianapolis fails to indicate that Carl Quick secured licenses at Indianapolis, Indiana.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

ST. LOUIS OFFICE at Springfield, Illinois - At the office of the Secretary of State, Automobile License Department, examined records covering the application for an Illinois registration on Pontiac Sedan, Motor #935 155, Serial #815 227, apparently made on June 14, 1934. In connection with the development of this lead, will refer to the letter from the Chicago Division office dated December 26, 1934, a copy of which letter was furnished to all Division offices.

CHICAGO OFFICE at Rochester, Indiana - In view of the fact that 1933 license plates were secured by Carl Quick at Rochester, Indiana, it may be

that he secured 1934 license plates through this branch, which branch should have an alphabetical file of all purchasers of license plates, and in this way it may be determined what license plates were issued for the year 1934.

At Warsaw, Indiana and Macy, Indiana - Will conduct such investigation as the Chicago Division office deems appropriate in view of the information contained in the body of this report, it being recalled that the car was purchased at Warsaw, Indiana by Carl Quick from Fred McKown on June 16, 1933; that Carl Quick gave as his address at that time, Macy, Indiana, which is located in Miami County.

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POST OFFICE BOX 829  
CHICAGO, ILLIN 18

December 24, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of December 24, 1934, relative to the supervision of the work in the Chicago district as to the Dillinger case, the apprehension of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, the Kansas City massacre case, and the matter of T. E. Robinson, Junior, kidnaping.

The instructions indicated are fully understood by me and I will be governed accordingly in connection with the work here.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.  
(Special Assignment)

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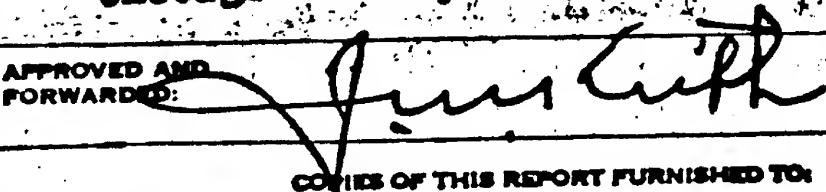

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

FILE NO. **7-576**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>WASHINGTON, D. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>12-29-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>12/24-29/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>R. P. BURROUSE</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. #1218; RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I. O. #1215; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I. O. #1232; ET AL. - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No record located in this jurisdiction of registration of 1934 Model, Deluxe Ford V-8, four-door sedan, Motor No. 899365. Directors of Motor Vehicles and Traffic at Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Maryland, and Richmond, Virginia, have been requested to advise this office immediately should registrations be made in 1935 for Ford V-8 Coach, Motor No. 1150945, and Ford V-8 Victoria Coupe, Motor No. 1142465. <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
REFERENCE: Letter from Detroit office, dated 11-19-34; letter from Chicago office, dated 12-26-34.			
DETAILS: <u>AT WASHINGTON, D. C.</u> Complying with reference letter from the Detroit office, dated November 19, 1934, on December 8, 1934 letters were addressed to Mr. W. A. Van Duser, Director, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Washington, D. C.; Mr. A. E. Baughman, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Baltimore, Maryland; and to Mr. John Q. Rhodes, Jr., Director, Division of Motor Vehicles, Richmond, Virginia, with the request that a search be made of the registrations to ascertain if a 1934 Model, Deluxe Ford V-8, four-door sedan, Motor No. 899365, is now registered in their respective jurisdictions; and further to place a "Stop" card in their files for the balance of the year 1934 and for the year 1935. Those offices were requested to contact this office by telephone, collect, should any registration be made concerning this car.  Replies have been received to the effect that no record can be located showing the registration of the above described automobile.  Complying with the request in reference letter from the Chicago office, dated December 26, 1934, communications have today been			
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addressed to the following:

Mr. W. A. Van Duser,  
Director,  
Motor Vehicles and Traffic,  
Washington, D. C.

Mr. A. E. Baughman,  
Commissioner of Motor Vehicles,  
Guilford Avenue and 21st Street,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

Mr. John Q. Rhodes, Jr.,  
Director,  
Division of Motor Vehicles,  
Richmond, Virginia.

with the request that this office be immediately advised by telephone if registrations are made for Ford V-8 Coach, Motor No. 1150843, bearing 1934 Illinois License No. 1266231, and for Ford V-8 Victoria Coupe, bearing Motor No. 1142463 and Illinois 1934 License No. 1289927. The request was also made to be advised whether 1934 licenses have been issued for the above described cars.

The Chicago office will be immediately advised when replies have been received from the above mentioned communications.

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Laboratory Report  
December 28, 1934.

Case: Alvin Karpis with  
aliases, et al;  
Edward George Bremer -  
Victim; Kidnaping.

Number: 7-576-3591

Specimens: One certificate of registration #35952, Ohio, 1934.  
One bill of sale from the Jess J. Ellis Motor Sales Company, Toledo,  
Ohio, to E. J. Powell, 1312 1/2 Adams Street, Toledo.  
One bill of sale from E. J. Powell dated October 10, 1934, to the  
Finance Outlet Company, Kansas City, Missouri.

Examination requested by: Kansas City Division Office.

Date received: December 20, 1934.

Examination requested: Handwriting and Fingerprint.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A. Appel

December 26, 1934. The handwriting on the body of the papers is not identified with the known writings of any of the members of the Karpis gang.

A report on the fingerprint examination will be submitted separately.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al;  
Edward George Bremer - Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division December 20, 1934.

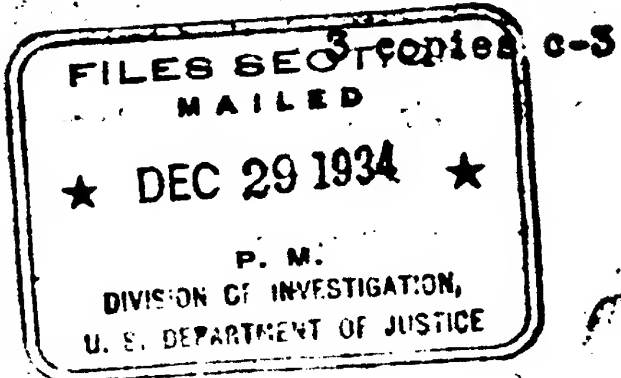
Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minn.**

FILE NO. **7-9**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Indianapolis, Indiana</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>12-28-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>12/18-20/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>E. J. SYNN VLD</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1211; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. 1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 20%;"> <p><b>Synopsis:</b></p> <p><b>Reference:</b></p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> </div> <div style="width: 80%;"> <p>Temporary wanted notices placed Muncie and Indianapolis Police Depts. Frank Cox, a glassblower employed by the Radiant Glass Co. of Ft. Smith, Ark., cohabits there with former wife of Jimmy Dicus, the latter allegedly a former cohort of the Barkers, and presently thought to be more or less in contact with them. The Gillard brothers and Granger brothers, glassblowers in the vicinity of Tulsa and Sand Springs, Okla., reported to be former criminal acquaintances of the Barkers.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>Report of Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy, Little Rock Office, 9-22-34; letter from the Little Rock Office dated 9-22-34; report of Special Agent R. E. Lawrence, Little Rock, 10-2-34; Division letter dated 10-13-34.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>AT MUNCIE, INDIANA</u></p> <p>The temporary wanted notices received by the Indianapolis Office with Division letter of October 13, 1934, were personally delivered by this Agent to Kenneth Hortsman, Identification Officers of the Muncie, Indiana Police Department, who placed them among his fingerprint records and advised that he was unable to locate any criminal records on any of the subjects at Muncie.</p> </div> </div>			
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An effort was made at Muncie, Indiana to locate any glassblowers who formerly were employed at Ft. Smith, Arkansas and who had returned to Muncie, Indiana or vicinity. There are two companies in Muncie, Indiana extensively engaged in the manufacture of glass products in various forms; namely, the Owen-Illinois Glass Company and Ball Brothers. The Owen-Illinois Glass Company is presently inoperative and has been so for several months. Conversation with the gateman at the Owen-Illinois Glass Company developed that no glassblowers are employed there inasmuch as all of the glass work is done by machinery, and the gateman was unable to recall any glass blower in the vicinity of Muncie who had at any time worked at Ft. Smith, Arkansas or vicinity.

Mr. H. A. McCollm, employment manager of Ball Brothers, advises that no glassblowers are employed by Ball Brothers inasmuch as the glass work is now done by machinery; that to his knowledge there are no former glassblowers now employed on machinery who at any time had worked in any glass plants in Ft. Smith, Arkansas or vicinity. He referred Agent to Mr. William Connelley, 1423 South Ebricht Street, Muncie, Indiana, who is an executive officer in the Green Bottle Blowers' Association.

Mr. William Connelley, 1423 South Ebricht Street, Muncie, Indiana, an elderly man, who is a retired glassblower, advised that he was unable to recall any glassblowers in the vicinity of Muncie who had formerly worked at Ft. Smith, Arkansas except one Louis Meisel, who resides at 212 East Franklin Street, Winchester, Indiana, and who formerly was employed at Zener Brothers Glass Plant at Ft. Smith, Arkansas, and that undoubtedly Mr. Meisel would be acquainted with any glassblowers who worked in the vicinity of Ft. Smith and returned to Muncie, Indiana or vicinity. Accordingly, a lead is being set out to contact Mr. Louis Meisel at Winchester, Indiana.

#### AT ELWOOD, INDIANA

Joe Edwards is a night policeman on the Elwood, Indiana Police force. Agent is rather well acquainted with Mr. Edwards by virtue of past contact with him. He advised that he formerly worked as a glassblower at the Radiant Glass Company in Ft. Smith, Arkansas; that while so employed, he became acquainted more or less with the Barker brothers, not, however, by virtue of the fact that the Barker brothers were employed at the glass company, but because of the fact that they hung around Ft. Smith a great deal, especially among the glassblowing element, and that Doc Barker was engaged in running narcotics into Ft. Smith, Arkansas. It is Mr. Edwards' understanding that the Barker brothers in about 1916 worked in the glass plant at Tulsa, Oklahoma and never worked at Ft. Smith, Arkansas. In this connection he advised that the Radiant Glass Company at Ft. Smith, Arkansas was formerly located at Tulsa, Oklahoma, where it was known as the Tulsa Glass Company, and when the factory of the Tulsa Glass Company burned down, the outfit moved to Ft. Smith, Arkansas.

Frank Cox, a glassblower employed by the Radiant Glass Company of Ft. Smith, Arkansas, was interviewed at Elwood, Indiana, at which place



he is spending the Christmas vacation with his relatives. He advised that he contemplates returning to Ft. Smith about January 1, 1935, and that he can be located there in care of Lon Cantwell, who operates a filling station at 3700 North 11th Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas. Frank Cox formerly worked at Tulsa, Oklahoma at the Tulsa Glass Company, and there became acquainted with the Barker brothers. Mr. Cox, when the plant moved to Ft. Smith, Arkansas and became known as the Radiant Glass Company, continued as a glassblower at Ft. Smith. He stated that he has continually heard rumors while at Ft. Smith with reference to the activities of the Barker brothers, and from these rumors and from his past acquaintance with the Barker brothers while they were employed at Tulsa, Oklahoma, it is opinion of Mr. Cox that Lee and Jim Dicus, now employed as glassblowers at Supulpa, Oklahoma, are the closest contacts the Barker brothers have among glassblowers; that at the time the Joie Theatre burglary job was pulled at Ft. Smith, Arkansas, it was generally reputed among the glassworkers that Jimmie Dicus was in on the job, and as a matter of fact, it was Cox's certain knowledge that Dicus always carried a large roll of money about that time; that within the last year, he, Cox, has heard rumors to the effect that the Barkers were hiding in the vicinity of Supulpa, Oklahoma; that it is his opinion that if the Barker brothers reach the general vicinity, Lee and Jimmie Dicus will be in contact with them. In this connection, Cox advised that he has been cohabiting with the former wife of Jim Dicus, and it may be possible for him to secure information from her with reference to the association of the Dicus brothers with the Barker brothers. Although he expressed a willingness to cooperate, at the same time he advised that he could not afford to let the glassblowers generally know that he had given any information, in view of the fact that there is a close fraternity of friendship among all glassblowers, and he would undoubtedly be ostracized if it became known he in any way gave information. It is felt that future contact with Frank Cox by the Little Rock office, might be productive of more definite information.

In addition to the above, Frank Cox further advised that the Gillard brothers of Sand Springs, Oklahoma, were very close to the Barker boys at the time the latter were working in the glass business at Tulsa, Oklahoma; that there are three of the Gillard boys, and it is his opinion that possibly one of the Gillards, named Jesse, was killed by a Deputy Sheriff somewhere in Oklahoma; that one or more of the Gillard brothers served time in the Penitentiary at McCallister, Oklahoma.

Cox also stated that in his opinion that the Barker brothers first began to develop criminal tendencies through their association with Butch and Leo Granger, both former glassblowers in the vicinity of Tulsa and Sand Springs, Oklahoma; that Butch Granger in about 1914 or 1916 was engaged in the stolen automobile racket and employed a number of young men and boys to steal the cars for him, and that the Barker brothers were so engaged in stealing cars for Butch Granger; that in his opinion Butch and Leo Granger are possible contacts for the Barker brothers at such times as the Barker brothers are in the vicinity of Tulsa or Sand Springs, Oklahoma.

George Stansbery, a retired glassblower residing at Elwood, Indiana,

advises that he worked for some years as a glassblower at Tulsa, Oklahoma at the Tulsa Glass Company; that while he was so employed, the Barker brothers were beginning to learn the glassblowing business and worked as finishing boys in the plant at Tulsa, this being back about in 1914 or 1916; that in the year 1916 his Ford automobile was stolen and he had reason to believe that Fred and Doc Barker stole the car in connection with their activities in stealing cars for Butch Granger, who was apparently the head of an automobile theft racket, employing boys and young men to steal cars; that he has had no contact with the Barker boys other than his association with them at the time of his employment at the Tulsa Glass Company in Tulsa.

Mike Ward, employed as a janitor at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Elwood, Indiana, was formerly a foreman at the Tulsa Glass Company at Tulsa, Oklahoma at the time the Barker brothers were employed there as finishing boys, preparatory to learning the glassblowing trade; that he is acquainted with the fact that the Barker brothers subsequently developed into criminals but that he did not follow their career, and he left Tulsa, Oklahoma and vicinity in about 1916, and has had no contact with the Barkers since that time; that he is unable to recall any former contacts or associates of the Barker brothers in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Ft. Smith, Arkansas, or at any other point.

All of the persons interviewed above were asked about any former glassblowers in the vicinity of Muncie, Indiana or Elwood, Indiana, who were formerly employed at Ft. Smith, Arkansas, but they were unable to furnish the names of any persons not already referred to in this report.

Temporary wanted notices furnished by the Division with letter dated October 9, 1934, were furnished Arch Ball of the Identification Bureau of the Indianapolis Police Department, who caused same to be filed in the records of that Department, and advised that no criminal record was found on any of the subjects on the wanted notices.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Tulsa and Sand Springs, Oklahoma - Will, in the event the information has not been previously developed, conduct appropriate investigation with reference to the activities of the Barker brothers in about the year 1916 in connection with the reported automobile theft ring headed by Butch and Leo Granger, brothers, former glassblowers, who are now reputed to still be in the vicinity of Tulsa or Sand Springs, Oklahoma. This information should be developed for the purpose of establishing whether or not Butch and Leo Granger are possible contacts at the present time for members of the Barker outfit.

A similar investigation should be conducted at Sand Springs, Oklahoma with reference to the Gillard brothers, who were former glassblowers and are thought to be now residing in the vicinity of Sand Springs, Oklahoma.

LITTLE ROCK OFFICE at Ft. Smith, Arkansas - Will contact Frank Cox, referred to in this report, who can be located through Lou Cantwell,



who operates a filling station at 3700 North 11th Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas. It is to be noted that Frank Cox may be prevailed upon to act as a possible informant, and may also be expected to obtain more detailed information with reference to the association of Jimmie Dicus and the Barker brothers, through the ex-wife of Jimmie Dicus, with whom Frank Cox claims he cohabits while residing at Fort Smith, Arkansas.

INDIANAPOLIS OFFICE at Winchester, Indiana - Will contact Louis Meisel, 212 East Franklin Street, who was formerly employed at the Zener Brothers Glass factory at Ft. Smith, Arkansas, for the purpose of ascertaining any glassblowers who were formerly employed at Ft. Smith, and vicinity, who have returned to Muncie, Indiana or vicinity, and may be possible contacts for the Barker brothers.

P E N D I N G

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

FIM/ess

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

December 28, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM. *E*

In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby,  
I am transmitting herewith seven copies of abstract of  
criminal record and twelve photographs as appearing in  
the files of the Identification Unit of George Sergeant,  
our file #763437.

Respectfully,

*L. C. Schilder*

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1212;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. #1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I. O. #1213;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I. O. #1222;  
ET AL - Edward George Bremer - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

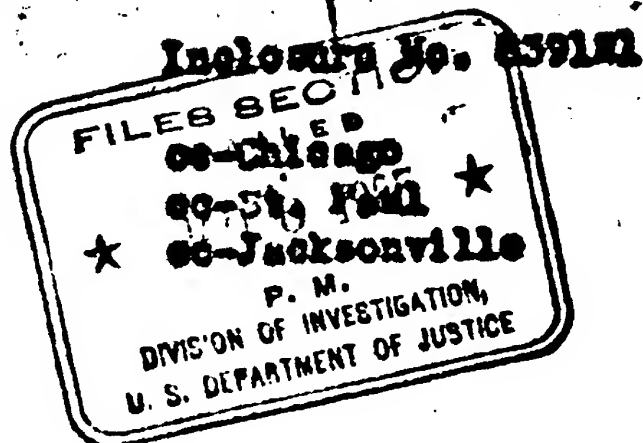
Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
D. E. Hall, dated at Detroit, Michigan, December 21, 1934,  
in the above entitled case, which contains information on  
page 16 relative to one George Sargent.

There are transmitted herewith to your office  
and to each of the offices indicated below, copies of a  
photograph and the criminal record of one George Sargent  
alias George Sergeant, Division File No. 743437, who is  
possibly identical with the individual referred to in the  
report of Special Agent Hall.

The Division desires that the disposition of the  
arrests reflected in the criminal record relative to  
this individual, be obtained and reported on appropriate  
disposition sheets.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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1531 First Nat'l. Bank Bldg.,  
El Paso, Texas,  
December 29, 1934.

Motor Vehicle Department,  
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, IO 1218  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, IO 1319  
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases IO 1215  
DR. JOSE P. MORAN with aliases IO 1232,  
et al - EDW. GEO. BREMER - Victim, Kidnaping.

Gentlemen:

In connection with the investigation of a kidnaping case,  
this office is endeavoring to apprehend persons driving the follow-  
ing described automobiles:

1. Black, Ford V-8 Coach, Motor #1,150,845, bearing  
1934 Illinois license #1,266,231, which car was  
purchased in the name of J. W. Holten.
2. Black, Ford V-8 Victoria Coupe, Motor #1,142,463,  
Illinois 1934 license #1,289,927 - purchased in the  
name of Andrew Allen.
3. Pontiac Coach, 1933 model, dark in color, bearing  
motor #935,155 and serial #815,257. Information as  
to the license plates on this car is unknown.

It is kindly requested that stop cards be placed for the  
above described automobiles and in the event any of them is offered  
for registration in 1935 that this office be notified at once by  
telephone, collect, to Main 801, El Paso, Texas.

With regard to the Pontiac Coach, motor #935,155, it is  
requested that you advise me whether or not this car was registered  
in New Mexico during 1934, and, if so, to whom the license was issued.

Very truly yours,

*R. H. Colvin*  
R. H. Colvin,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Chicago (Mr. E. J. Connelley)  
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. E. J. Connelley  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 829  
Chicago, Illinois

JAN 16 1935

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases I.O. #1218  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases I.O. #1219  
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases I.O. #1213;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases I.O.  
#1232; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

With further reference to letter from this office dated  
December 22, 1934, this is to advise that on December 27th,

[redacted] appeared at this office  
and stated that he has learned that the maiden name of Marie  
Borley is Marie Girard and that she was married to a man by the  
name of Henderson and is known as Marie Henderson.

With reference to the name of the party who accompanied  
Marie to Texas, Informant advised that he has not been able to  
secure the full name of the party but that he has heard him re-  
ferred to as "Tom" and also as "Tommy"; that while he has no reason  
to suspect who this may be, it has occurred to him that possibly  
Marie may have accompanied Tommy Touhy to Texas; that he does know  
the party has quite a bit of money and has promised Marie that  
he intended to live straight in Texas, stating that he would open  
a small business as a blind in order to spend the money he now has.

With further reference to the alleged death of John  
Hamilton approximately eight months ago, Informant advises that he  
has been unable to find out anything further as to where Hamilton  
was killed or buried except that recently [redacted]

[redacted] he came across an old newspaper bearing a  
St. Paul date line of March 31, this year, the headlines of which  
read "Dillinger Shoots Way Out of Trap"; that subsequently in talk-  
ing to George Sergeant he referred to their conversation relative  
to Hamilton's alleged death and suggested to Sergeant that possibly  
Hamilton had been killed at the time Dillinger shot his way out  
of the trap on March 30th or 31st, to which Sergeant made no reply

but gave him a very searching look. Informant further advised that he has heard nothing further from Mildred and that in the event he can secure further information he will immediately notify this office.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Division  
cc-St. Paul



Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Room 1403,  
370 Lexington Avenue,  
New York City

December 29, 1934

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See Serials 62-29777-2853  
and 7-576-2552

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

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RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218,  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219,  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232, 35  
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. 1213, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

JAN 8 - 1935

Replying to your letter of December 21, 1934, I desire to advise that contact with Harold McBride, the alleged informant in connection with the Barker-Karpis gang, had its conception in a telephone communication from A. Spiro, City Editor of the New York Journal, who informed that Harold McBride had communicated with the City Editor of one of the Hearst Newspapers in Washington, D. C. and obtained transportation to New York City and that he, Mr. Spiro, had assigned to interview the informant, a reporter named James Cannon, who had made the contact with McBride and engaged with McBride in an interview lasting several hours; that following the termination of the interview, the reporter was dissatisfied with the information furnished and was suspicious of the authenticity thereof, and desired to enlist the aid of this office in definitely determining the identity of the informant and the degree of credence that might be placed in his statements imparted to Mr. Cannon.

Consequently, through pre-arrangement with Mr. Cannon, the alleged informant, Harold McBride, was brought to the New York Division office and questioned with respect to the knowledge he allegedly possessed concerning the Barker-Karpis gang and he stated that he had furnished all of the information in his possession to Mr. Newby of the Division recently and that the substance of the information furnished to Mr. Newby was that he had become acquainted and established a friendly relationship with Barker and Karpis while an inmate of the penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, and that while he had not seen them for an extended period, he confidently believed that he could, through his own contacts, definitely determine the whereabouts of the fugitives sought.

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The foregoing is essentially the extent of the information allegedly possessed by McBride and a lengthy interview with and questioning of him resulted in developing information which to my satisfaction indicated that McBride was endeavoring to capitalize his past alleged acquaintanceship with Barker and Karpis, and that his allegations did not pretend any knowledge of their recent activities or other information that might serve as a basis for assuming that his information would be productive of results in determining their whereabouts.

In view of this situation, no definite arrangements were made with the informant, but an agreement was reached with Mr. Cannon of the New York Evening Journal whereby he, Mr. Cannon, would continue to maintain a friendly relationship with the informant and endeavor in that manner to obtain from him any information that might be of value and which he might have to impart. Later the same day, Mr. Cannon telephonically communicated with the New York Division office and stated that he himself had developed inaccuracies and untruth in the statements of the alleged informant and therefore had definitely decided to discontinue any further relationship with him, believing that most of his statements were fictional.

Very truly yours,

*F. X. Fay*

F. X. FAY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc- St. Paul  
Mr. Connelley at Chicago

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1583

Butte, Montana, December 28, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
I. O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER  
with aliases, I. O. #1219;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases,  
I. O. #1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE  
BREMER - Victim; Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Replying to Division letter dated October 13, 1934, in which there was transmitted temporary wanted notices reflecting the fingerprints and photographs of individuals who are being sought by the Division for questioning in connection with the above-entitled case, and directing that an Agent personally call upon the chiefs of police of the larger cities in this District and have these checked, I would respectfully state that this has been done by myself at Butte, Great Falls and Billings, Montana, and by Special Agent Russell Bryon at Pocatello, Idaho.

No results were secured from the check of the files in any of these places, but notation is made that if anything shows in any of them, immediate notice will be sent to the Butte Division Office or to the Division.

Very truly yours,

*D. H. Dickason*

D. H. DICKASON  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

ST. PAUL, Minn.

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>EL PASO, Texas.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>12-28-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>12/17 to 12/22/34 inc.</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>J. L. Geraghty</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR B. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1215; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  Investigation conducted in all oil fields located in district of this office fails to locate subject Campbell or to develop any information indicating presence of any member of his family by blood or marriage. All parties interviewed were shown photographs of Campbell, the Barkers, Alvin Karpis, and Volney Davis. None identified as working in the fields. Inquiry made in effort to locate J.L. Flannigan, Pearl Campbell, Laura Campbell, Howard McNeil, Jack Campbell, and Clell Campbell, without success.  HUC			
REFERENCE:  Report of Special Agent C.V. Doherty, Buffalo, N.Y., dated 12/7/34 and report of Special Agent E.J. Dowd, Dallas, Texas, 3/7/34.			
DETAILS:  A thorough investigation was conducted in all the oil fields in the district of this office and failed to disclose any information concerning subject Campbell or the other subjects. Neither was information developed indicating the presence of any member of Campbell's family in this vicinity. Each party interviewed, as referred to later in this report, was shown the photographs of Harry Campbell, as well as photographs of Arthur Barker, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, and Volney Davis. None of these people were identified as working in the fields. Inquiry was made in an effort to locate J.L. Flannigan, Pearl Campbell, Laura Campbell, Howard McNeil, Jack Campbell, brother, Clell Campbell, and subject Campbell under his true name and aliases. The following people were interviewed during this inquiry:  DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>A H Egan</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>JAN 2 1935</b> CHECKED OFF: <b>JAN 3 1935</b> JACKETED:	
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AT ODESSA, Texas:

J. T. Lynch, Chamber of Commerce.  
County Judge L. S. Webb.  
Sheriff Reader Webb.  
S. P. Copeland, Production Manager, Gulf Oil Company.  
General Delivery Clerk, Post Office.  
Philip Jenkins, Independent Driller.  
G. M. Baldley, Production Department, Warner-Quinlan Co.  
W. B. Smith, Independent Driller.  
Geo. D. Elliott, owner of Elliott Hotel.  
Mrs. M.M. Bloodworth, Clerk, Elliott Hotel.

AT PENNWELL, Texas:

J. W. Walker, Assistant Postmaster.  
M. M. Porter, Production Department, Humble Oil Co.  
Mr. and Mrs. M. Leggett, grocery store owners.

AT JUDKINS, Texas:

Asst. Postmaster D.E. Francis.  
W.D. Kirpatrick, Production Department, Phillips Oil Co.

AT ANDREWS, Texas:

Postmaster E.W. Burkett.  
W.H. Black, Superintendent of the Humble Production Plant.  
J. B. McNeil, employed at the Humble Plant.

This last named individual bore no resemblance to subject Campbell and inquiry developed that he had no brothers or sisters; that his father and mother were dead; that his mother's name was Mary and his father's name John.

AT FORT STOCKTON, Texas:

Bob Flaisig, General Delivery Clerk at Post Office.  
E. L. Pope.  
W. E. Lawrence.  
Mickey Bell.  
Ben Owens

All of the above are well known oil operators in the Pecos County field for the past several years.

AT BUENA VISTA, Texas:

R. Oliver Clark.  
R.G. Reischman, Aerio Refining Co.  
Jason C. Williams, Aerio Refining Co.  
Ben Beckley.  
General Delivery Clerk at Post Office.



AT MONAHANS, Texas:

Postmaster S. E. Willis.

Mrs. Richard Campbell, upon being interviewed advised that her husband had only one relative in Oklahoma and he is a cousin, Jimmie Campbell, who lives near Ardmore, Okla., but formerly lived for one summer at Eunice, N.M. Mr. Richard Campbell has been employed by the T. & P. R.R. for the past seven years.

Mr. W. Lewis, superintendent of the Sid Richardson Drilling Company, suggested an interview with Mr. S.W. Dike who, he advised, was a salesman for the Donagan Tool Company and was continually around most of the wells in that locality and if subject or any member of his family were located in the West Texas or New Mexico Fields, Dike would, without doubt, know them. Lewis advised that he knew a W.E. Campbell who formerly worked for him in the Cheyenne district and is now employed by the Epinhar Drilling Company at Wickett, Texas.

Mr. S.W. Dike, Post Office Box 88, Midland, Texas, was interviewed at Monahans and advised that none of the subjects nor subject Campbell's family were known to him. He took a memorandum of the various names and aliases and advised that should any information come to his attention concerning their whereabouts he would immediately communicate with the El Paso Office.

AT WICKETT, Texas:

The Epinhar Plant was found to be closed; but Wiley Campbell, it was ascertained, lived at Pyote, Texas.

AT PYOTE, Texas:

Mrs. W.E. Campbell was interviewed. She advised that both her husband's father and mother were dead and that he had no brothers or sisters.

AT WINK, Texas:

Postmaster Paul Jette.  
Deputy Sheriff Dick Taylor.  
Judge B.T. Hammett.  
Deputy Sheriff F.E. Summers.

Agent, accompanied by Sheriff Summers, visited all the drinking establishments and pool halls in Wink, Texas, for several hours, but none of the subjects was found to be located there.

AT JAL, N.M.:

Asst. Postmistress, Mrs. J. Stewart.  
Chief of Police Dick Hurley.  
Police Officer R.E. Calhoon.

AT EUNICE, N.M.:-

L.G. Warlock, Postmaster, advised that he formerly had parties living in that locality named Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell, but they had left sometime ago and had left no forwarding address. In fact, he advised he then had on hand a letter addressed to Mrs. Jim Campbell, which was exhibited to Agent. This letter was postmarked at Crescent, Okla., on December 5, 1934, and bore the date of December 7th as the date of its receipt at the Post Office in Eunice. The letter bore the return address of Jack C. Wilson, Crescent, Okla. This Mrs. Jimmie Campbell is without doubt the relative of the Mrs. Campbell interviewed at Monahans, Texas, and who is probably now living in the vicinity of Ardmore, Okla.

AT HOBBS, N.M.:-

Postmaster A.L. Langford, Chief  
Chief of Police Vernon Roberts.  
Deputy Sheriff W. Curly.  
B. A. Bowers, Production Manager, Walker Oil Co.  
B. S. Turse, Amerada Oil Co.  
George Freese, Empire Gas and Oil Co.  
M. Collins, Gypsy Oil Co.  
J. Bedford, Humble Oil Co.  
R. O. Russell, Repolla Oil Co.  
H. S. Quick, Standard Oil Co.  
L. Sparks, Tydol Oil Co.  
H. H. Stewart, Shell Co.

During this inquiry at Hobbs, three Campbells were located. Mr. William Campbell, who is connected with the Humble Pipe Line Co., advised that he was born at Boston, Mass., and is now 52 years old, formerly was a baseball player in the Texas League and stated that so far as he knew he had no relatives in Oklahoma, and after viewing the photograph of subject Campbell, advised that he knew of no relatives that had any traits in their faces as shown in the photograph of subject Campbell.

Mr. John L. Campbell, Gypsy Oil Co., advised that he was born at Butler, Pa.; that he has a brother and sister, Charlie and Carrie, who reside with his parents at Claremore, Okla., his father's name being James and his mother's name being Catherine. He was unable to identify the photograph of Campbell as being any relative of his or bearing any resemblance to any of his relatives.

Luther J. Campbell, foreman of the Getty Oil Co., advised that he was born in Chester County, Tenn.; that his father's name is William and his mother's name Lilly; that he has one brother, William Clifford Campbell, who at the present time is with the Shell Oil Company in Venezuela, South America. He examined the photograph of subject Campbell and advised that the same bore no family resemblance so far as he could see to any of his relatives. He advised, however, that he would keep the picture in mind and should he see anyone resembling this Campbell, he would immediately communicate the information to the El Paso Office.



At the production office of the Shell Oil Company, Mr. R.R. Randolph advised that their records indicate that they employ one Jerry M. Campbell. An examination of his personnel file by Agent was made in the presence of Mr. Randolph and the same indicates that he is married, his wife's name being Ora B. Campbell. His application indicates that his father's name is Jerry and his mother's name Martha; that they reside at Mantone, Texas; that he has a sister, Mrs. Winnie Loucis, at Pampa, Texas; that his father and mother-in-law are Mr. and Mrs. A.F. Smith, residing at Anson, Texas. Mr. Randolph, after viewing the photograph of subject Campbell advised that it was not a photograph of Jerry M. Campbell whom they employ.

This investigation covers all the active drilling centers in the locality from Fort Stockton to Lovington, N.M.

In view of the fact that the information contained in the report of reference dated 12/7/34 is vague as to the possibility of subject Campbell's relatives being in this locality, no further investigation appears to be warranted in an effort to locate them.

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December 28, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER  
NATHAN  
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You are advised that the supervision of all ramifications of the Dillinger case is under the supervision in the Chicago area of Mr. E. J. Connelley. In addition, Mr. Connelley is in charge of all investigation in the Chicago area in the Bremer, Kansas City Massacre and T. H. Robinson, Jr. cases. I desire that in so far as is possible, Mr. Connelley should utilize in these cases only the services of those Special Agents who are specifically assigned to him, but I have authorized Mr. Connelley to call upon the Chicago Office for additional aid and assistance whenever such procedure is necessary. Mr. Purvis has been instructed to render to Mr. Connelley any requested aid or assistance.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Little Rock, Arkansas  
December 29th, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,  
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Dear Sir:

Further reference is being made to your letter of November 16th, 1934, regarding Ed J. Woodie of Mountainburg, Arkansas, who has endeavored to secure expenses from your office as an informant in order that he might locate, or cause to be located, Alvin Karpis, the Barker Brothers and other fugitives desired by the Division.

Special Agent R. L. Walls of the Little Rock Division Office recently interviewed Ed J. Woodie at Ft. Smith, Arkansas, at which time it was ascertained that he is the same Mr. Woodie who assisted in bringing about the apprehension of Frank Delmar. Mr. Woodie was somewhat under the influence of liquor at the time of the interview and Cooper Eudspeth, United States Marshal at Ft. Smith, Arkansas, with whom Woodie has had frequent contact, stated that it is a frequent occurrence for Mr. Woodie to imbibe rather freely. When questioned as to whether he might have any personal knowledge as to the present whereabouts of Alvin Karpis and the Barker Brothers, or other fugitives now being sought by the Division, Mr. Woodie admitted that he lacked personal knowledge, but expressed confidence in his ability to make the necessary contacts which would make possible their apprehension.

It is the desire of Mr. Woodie that he be made a Special Deputy for the Division of Investigation, furnished with sufficient expense money so he may travel free-lance among his alleged contacts and given authority to carry a gun. He further stated that if given permission to carry a gun it will be possible for him, should he happen to come upon any of the desired fugitives, to shoot them down and advise the Division where the body or bodies might be found. In this connection it must be borne in mind that Woodie is an ex-convict, who does not appear to be of any too gentle a nature and in addition, is strongly addicted to the use of hard liquor. In view of these circumstances it appears as though this man would be a dangerous person to have as an informant, since actions taken by him in all probability would cause unfavorable criticism against the Division of Investigation.

Very truly yours,

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R. E. CONROY,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O.#1219  
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O.#1218  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.#1220,  
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EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

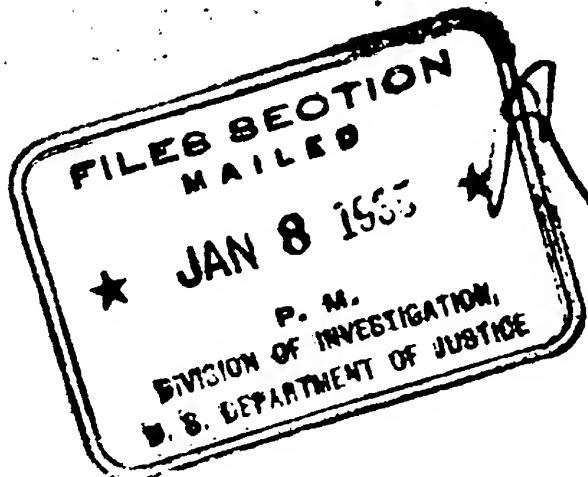
Reference is made to the letter of the Little Rock  
Office addressed to your office under date of December 29, 1934,  
regarding Ed J. Keadle, of Mountainburg, Arkansas, who has been  
endeavoring to secure expense money from your office as an in-  
formant in connection with efforts to locate Alvin Karpis, the  
Barker Brothers and other fugitives in the above entitled case.

The Division does not desire that you have anything to  
do with this individual, therefore, no further consideration  
should be given him.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Little Rock  
Mr. E.J. Connelley, Chicago  
Oklahoma City  
Dallas, Texas  
St. Paul, Minn.



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**Division of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**  
1616 Federal Reserve  
Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri

December 31, 1934

Director  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at Ninth Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1213
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232
ET AL
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to letter dated December 22, 1934, from the Denver Office to the Division, concerning the desirability of employing one [redacted] as an informant to work under cover at Kansas City for the purpose of obtaining information as to the whereabouts of the Subjects in the above case.

It is noted that this informant claims to be able to make contact at Kansas City with certain persons who might be in possession of information as to the Subjects. It is further noted that he claims to be in a position to work his way into the Pendergast crowd in Kansas City. With reference to the individual referred to as Rich or Rick, who, according to the informant, operates a place known as the Winnie Winkle 313 Club, located at 313 East 10th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, you are advised that prior to the receipt of the letter in question, this office has had no information or indication that the individual known as Rich is connected strongly in Kansas City, or is in a position to be in contact with the Subjects of the instant case. In an effort to determine the identity and connections of this individual, inquiries have been made by this office through [redacted]

[redacted] who has furnished valuable information to this Division, it being noted that [redacted] has a wide acquaintance in the Kansas City underworld. [redacted] advised that he is acquainted with the 313 Club, which is operated by an Italian named Mancelli, first name not known, but who has a brother named [redacted]

*Confidential Informant*

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Mike Mancella. Over the 313 Club there is a booking and gambling joint, which is run by one Rich, [redacted] knowing this man by the first name of Bully. His correct first name is not known to [redacted] is not acquainted with Kittie Evers, and is of the opinion that she is not prominently connected in the Kansas City underworld. He also has the same opinion relative to Rich, but does advise that he has some information that Charley Gargotta, known to be prominent in the Kansas City underworld, has an interest of some kind in the 313 Club.

[redacted] is to make further inquiries and will advise this office of any information obtained. He was shown photographs of the Subjects in this case, and was requested to endeavor to obtain any available information as to their contacts and whereabouts.

The attention of the Division is invited to the fact that [redacted] has previously indicated that he had definite information connecting Lester M. Gillis with Italian underworld members at Kansas City. From the later developments in that case, it would seem that [redacted] alleged information in this regard was not correct. It appears to me that, from the information which [redacted] has furnished, it is extremely doubtful that he would be able to develop information of value in Kansas City, and I am submitting this letter in order to possibly assist the Division in reaching a determination in this regard.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*

R. B. NATHAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - Denver  
St. Paul  
El Paso  
San Francisco  
E. J. Connelley, Chicago



# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO. 7-2

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Little Rock, Ark.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>12-27-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>12/21, 22/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>GUY HOTTEL DAN</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218; ARTHUR B. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. #1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I. O. #1213; DR. JOSE EPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. #1232; ET AL -</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Deputy Sheriff C. V. Perryman, Byron, Ark., had no direct information regarding whereabouts of Phoenix Donald; will make discreet inquiry and if any information of value is received will transmit to Little Rock Office. Various persons interviewed at Byron, Salem and Mammoth Spring, Ark., as to possible location of Donald or information which would lead to his apprehension. No definite information received. Covers placed on mail of William T. Bowling and family and Eugene Bowling and family, Salem, Ark. Postmaster, Mammoth Spring, Ark. will watch mail very closely for any suspicious mail received by relatives of Donald in that locality.

**REFERENCE:**

Letter from Oklahoma City Office, dated 12/12/34.

**DETAILS:**

C. V. Perryman, Deputy Sheriff, Byron, Arkansas, was interviewed by Agent and the following information was obtained:

Perryman stated that he had been talking to Sheriff L. G. Lankston, Salem, Arkansas, with reference to Phoenix Donald, who was reared in their locality and who they understood was wanted by the Federal Government. They did not know the entire facts of the case, as to what Donald's criminal record had been and Perryman was instructed by the Sheriff to write into the Oklahoma City Office and secure what

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

*E. E. Conroy*

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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information he could concerning Phoenix Donald and possibly they could help in the apprehension of Subject Donald. Perryman further stated that he did not have any particular lead that would bring about the apprehension of Donald, but that he did know his relatives and other people in the community who might furnish him with information which would cause the apprehension of Donald. Perryman related that Donald's sister was living in Salem, Arkansas, having married William T. Bowling and at the present time was running the Commercial Lunch, Salem, Arkansas, which he believed was financed by Phoenix Donald. He stated that Mrs. Eugene Bowling, daughter-in-law of Mrs. William T. Bowling, assisted her in running the small restaurant.

According to Mr. Perryman, William T. Bowling was Sheriff of Fulton County, Arkansas, from 1931 to 1932, being defeated for re-election in 1932 by the present Sheriff, L. G. Lankston. Perryman stated that former Sheriff Bowling had got in some trouble with his collections and was approximately \$1,500.00 short in his accounts and that it was generally known that Phoenix Donald supplied him with the money to make up this shortage.

Agent was advised by Mr. Perryman that Sheriff L. G. Lankston could probably furnish more definite information as to who could be depended upon to give confidential information regarding the whereabouts of Phoenix Donald.

Upon interview Sheriff L. G. Lankston furnished substantially the following information:

Sheriff Lankston stated that Dr. G. L. Weathers, Salem, Arkansas, had informed him that about two years ago he met Phoenix Donald at the home of William T. Bowling, while there on a call to attend a sick child of Bowling's. Sheriff Lankston advised that he was quite well acquainted with Phoenix Donald and could recognize him at sight. He further informed Agent that Donald has a sister now living at Mammoth Spring, Arkansas and that he believed the Postmaster at Mammoth Spring, Ark., who had been reared with Phoenix Donald could give more information that he could. He stated to Agent that he would be willing to do anything in his power to bring about the apprehension of Donald. He advised that William Wahlkist, publisher, THE DEMOCRAT, at Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, could not be trusted and he believed that he was drunk most of his time and that his son Bryon Wahlkist, now Editor of THE DEMOCRAT, was a very highly respected citizen and he felt that he could obtain information from Young Bryon Wahlkist as to the location of Phoenix Donald. He thought that it would be better if he would see him instead of an Agent, because the last time an Agent interviewed Mr. Wahlkist it was all over town in about thirty minutes; that he was positive if Young Wahlkist knew the whereabouts of Phoenix Donald he could obtain it from him and would immediately inform the Little Rock Division Office.



Sheriff Lankston further advised that he would inquire in the neighborhood of Ott, Arkansas, as to whether a W. C. Weaver lived in that locality and whether Phoenix Donald had ever stayed near Ott. He informed Agent that he had several confidential informants in that locality and if Donald had ever lived for any length of time in that vicinity or was living there at the present time he would be able to find out from these informants.

Sheriff Lankston also stated to Agent that he believed Eugene Bowling, who is running a trucking business out of Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, is the individual who makes contact with Phoenix Donald. He further suggested that Agent interview E. E. Sterling, Postmaster, Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, who could give the names of persons who could be trusted in Mammoth Spring. Sheriff Lankston stated that he would inquire from reliable sources as to who could furnish information regarding the whereabouts of Donald; that he would also contact these sources and immediately notify the Little Rock Office upon receipt of any information.

Dr. J. L. Weathers, Salem, Arkansas, stated that about two years ago he was treating one of the children of William T. Bowling at Salem, Arkansas and when he finished with his treatments he walked out on the porch and engaged in a conversation with Phoenix Donald. Dr. Weathers further stated it was after dark and it was the only time he has ever seen or talked with Phoenix Donald; further that he did not know of the whereabouts of Donald. He further advised that if he ever ran across any information as to the location of Phoenix Donald he would immediately notify the Sheriff.

H. J. Humphreys, Postmaster, Salem, Arkansas, was interviewed and asked to put a mail cover on all mail coming to the families of William T. Bowling and Eugene Bowling.

Agent interviewed E. E. Sterling, Postmaster, Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, who furnished the following information:

Sterling informed Agent that he had been watching the mail of Mrs. Nellie Frazier, sister of Phoenix Donald for some time, but that she very seldom received any mail and no mail of any suspicion had come through to her. Sterling advised that Kelly Sluder, a former friend of Donald's had died the past Fall. He also stated that Ritchie Warsham, a local bum, could not be trusted and he believed that Agent should not contact him with reference to the apprehension of Donald; further that any information coming into the possession of Warsham would be immediately relayed to Phoenix Donald, if at all possible. Sterling advised that William Wahlkist, publisher of THE DEMOCRAT, had spread it all over town the last time an Agent interviewed him, that they were looking for Phoenix Donald; that Wahlkist stayed intoxicated most of the time and was very unreliable. He did believe, however, that Wahlkist's

son, Bryon Wahlkist, was highly respected in the locality and he believed that Sheriff Lankston would be able to obtain any information from him that he might possess.

Sterling further related that Eugene Bowling, nephew of Phoenix Donald, was now living in Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, doing a trucking business between Mammoth Spring, Arkansas and some place in Missouri. He stated that Young Bowling buys mules and hogs in the locality of Mammoth Springs and transports them to some place in Missouri, selling them and purchasing corn in Missouri and bringing the corn back to Mammoth Spring and selling it in that vicinity. He further believed that Phoenix Donald had supplied Eugene Bowling with the money to purchase trucks and stay in this business. He stated that on December 5th, 1934, Eugene Bowling sent a registered letter from Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, to his wife, Mrs. Eugene Bowling, at Rison, Arkansas, valued at \$100.00. Sterling stated he held the letter up to the light and it looked as though there were a \$100.00 bill in the letter. Sterling advised that he knew Eugene Bowling did not obtain any money from his father and that he believed Phoenix Donald was supplying him the money to help him run his business. He also stated that he believed Eugene Bowling contacted Phoenix Donald at various times. According to Mr. Sterling, William T. Bowling had run for Sheriff the past Fall, but was defeated by Sheriff Lankston. He further stated that he had over-heard a conversation between two citizens of Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, to the effect that Phoenix Donald had supplied the money for Bowling to run for Sheriff. Mr. Sterling advised Agent that Phoenix Donald, Everett Smith and himself had run around together as boys and that he was very well acquainted with Donald. He stated that Everett Smith lived with his brother, Oscar Smith, within one hundred yards of the home of Mrs. Nellie Frazier, sister of Phoenix Donald and that he believed he could secure information from Everett Smith as to when Donald visited or was coming to visit his sister. He promised to see Everett Smith at the first opportunity and see what information he could secure from him.

According to Postmaster Sterling, a Claude McLamore worked for Eugene Bowling in his hauling business and that D. B. Heiliger, Bureau of Fisheries, Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, could probably obtain information from him as to where Eugene Bowling does business in Missouri. It is Sterling's belief that Bowling meets Donald on various occasions somewhere in Missouri.

Agent, accompanied by E. E. Sterling, interviewed Olin Charlton, owner of the Hotel Charlton, Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, where Eugene Bowling maintains a room when in town. Charlton informed Agent that Bowling stayed there approximately two or three nights a week and did a trucking business; that he would go to various places in Missouri and return to Mammoth Spring; that Bowling attended to his own business, came in very late at night and would go direct to his room.



He did not know very much about Bowling's business, but he was quite positive that someone was supplying him with money to run his business. He promised, in a discreet way, to find out as much as he could as to the activities of Bowling and would report it to the Postmaster for transmittal to the Little Rock Division Office.

Mr. Sterling advised that he would do whatever possible to bring about the apprehension of Donald and would carefully watch the mails of every one connected with Donald in Mammoth Spring, Arkansas; that he would obtain as much information as possible and immediately notify the Little Rock Office.

D. B. Heiliger, employee of the Bureau of Fisheries, U. S. Department of Commerce, Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, stated he had heard of the activities of Phoenix Donald in that locality, but had never met him personally. He further stated that Claude McLamore rented a house from him and he believed that he could secure information from McLamore as to the activities of Eugene Bowling and the exact locations where he transacted business in Arkansas and Missouri. He further stated that McLamore was intoxicated considerable amount of the time and that it would be much better for him to obtain the information than a stranger; that he did not have much faith in McLamore and believed he could get more information from him than anyone else, as McLamore was indebted to him for rent and various other things. He further informed Agent that McLamore stated they had made various trips to Caruthersville and Naylor, Missouri, but that he, Heiliger, would interview him more specific as to the exact places. He promised to notify the Little Rock Division Office immediately upon receipt of any information of value.

M. A. Wood, Mayor, Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, was interviewed and he informed Agent that he believed the Postmaster, E. E. Sterling, could give more reliable information than anyone else in Mammoth Spring. He stated that he knew Phoenix Donald, but did not know of anyone who would give confidential information as to his whereabouts. He advised that Mr. Sterling was very trustworthy and he could be relied upon to do whatever he promised.

It was ascertained from general inquiry that Ruby Bowling, niece of Phoenix Donald had married Percy Gullic, Prosecuting Attorney-elect, of Oregon County, Missouri and that they lived most of the time with Gullic's parents at Koshkonong, Missouri; the rest of the time they lived at the home of William T. Bowling, Salem, Arkansas. It was further ascertained that Gullic has a fair reputation.

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Little Rock, Arkansas  
December 31, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.

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JAN 2 - 1935

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, w/a, I.O. 1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, w/a, I.O. 1219;  
RUSSELL GILSON, w/a, I.O. 1218;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w/a, I.O. 1232;  
et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Covers placed on the mail delivery of Phoenix Donald at Salem, Arkansas, has resulted in the tracing evidencing the receipt of a letter by Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Bowling which letter was mailed at San Bernardino, California, recently, the exact date not being legible, bearing the return address: Route 2, Cottage Gardens, San Bernardino, California.

For your information, Phoenix Donald is an acquaintance of the Barkers. Investigation has strongly indicated that he was one of the finger men in the Bremer kidnaping case and it has been alleged that he was paid five thousand dollars for his work in the case. Phoenix Donald and Myrtle Eaton are very close friends and are said to have lived together. Donald is described as follows:

Age	36
Height	5'8"
Weight	175 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Steel blue
Complexion	Fair
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It is noted that your office received a copy of the report of Special Agent E. D. Brown dated September 19, 1934, at Chicago in which the name Phoenix Donald is shown as one of the aliases of William Weaver. Phoenix Donald has used the alias of William Weaver.

It is requested that your office make discreet investigations concerning the identity of the author of the letter received by the Bowlings at Salem, Arkansas, and whether such a person is acquainted with and has any knowledge concerning Phoenix



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Donald. For your assistance, the mail tracing in question  
is attached, hereto, which should be returned.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Enclosure

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St. Paul  
E. J. Connelley

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Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.  
(Name and address of Contributor)

Date December 13, 1934.

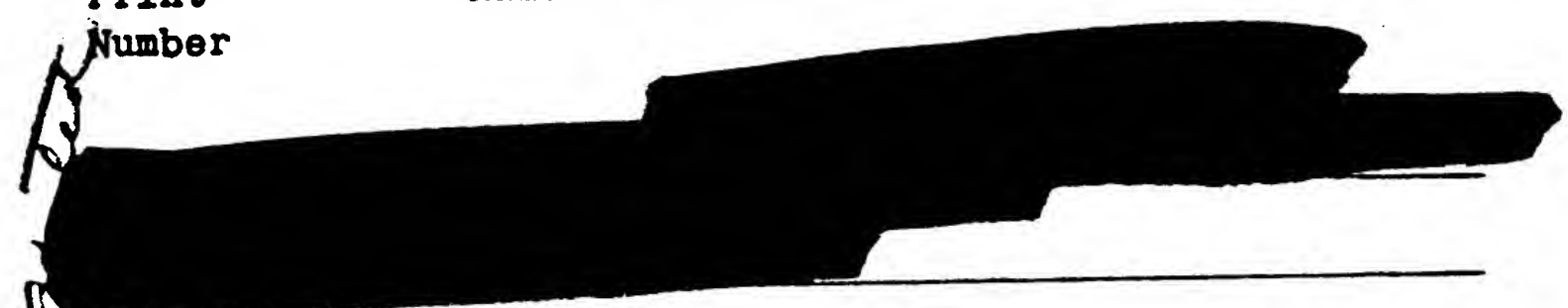
Mr. J. E. Hoover,  
Director, Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Washington file No. 750,030.  
St. Paul No. 7-30.

Dear Sir:-

Following are the dispositions of cases on which  
fingerprints have been mailed to the Bureau of Investiga-  
tion:

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Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
		

This form to be submitted to the Bureau of Investi-  
gation to report dispositions of cases in which prints were  
forwarded previously. Dispositions include such information  
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from custody, etc. Several cases may be listed on each sheet.

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Very truly yours,  
*D. M. Ladd*  
D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.  
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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minn.**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>San Francisco, Calif.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>Dec. 27, 1934.</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>Nov. 28, 1934.</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>H.J.L. PIEPER - AP.</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218 ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1215 DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <p style="text-align: center;">Police Departments at Berkeley, Oakland and Sacramento, Calif. have no record of local arrest of Subjects. Temporary wanted notices left at Police Departments. Ford Sedan, Motor No. 899365 not registered or cleared through California.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p>			
REFERENCE:  <p style="text-align: center;">Division letter dated Oct. 13, 1934, and letter from Detroit Division Office dated Nov. 19, 1934.</p>			
DETAILS: <b>AT BERKELEY, CALIF.</b>  <p style="text-align: center;">Agent left a set of temporary wanted notices with the Chief of the Identification Bureau, Police Department, Berkeley, California. A check of the records disclosed no arrest records in this district on any of the fugitives being sought.</p>			
<b>AT OAKLAND, CALIF.</b>  <p style="text-align: center;">A set of the temporary wanted notices were also left with the Chief of the Identification Bureau, Police Department, Oakland, California. A check of the records disclosed no arrest records in Oakland on any of the fugitives being sought.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>E. P. Sullivan</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>7-576-3679</b> RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>JAN 2 - 1935</b> CHECKED OFF: <b>JAN 3 - 1935</b> JACKETED:	
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AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

A set of the temporary wanted notices were left with the Chief of the Identification Bureau, Police Department, San Francisco, California. A check of the records disclosed no arrest records in San Francisco on any of the fugitives being sought.

A set of the temporary wanted notices were also furnished the Identification Unit of the California State Criminal Identification Bureau at Sacramento, California, by letter, and a check of their records disclosed that there has been no record of arrests in this district, as reflected by their files.

Miss Ruth Assalena, Sacramento representative of the National Automobile Theft Bureau advised that the records at Sacramento failed to disclose that a 1934 V-8 de luxe Ford Automobile, Motor No. 899365 is either registered in or cleared through the State of California.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

**L.A.** FILE NO. **26-2097**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Los Angeles, Calif.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>12-20-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>9-29-34 to 12-19-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>V. M. HOTT</b>
TITLE: <b>RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases - FUGITIVE</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p><b>NANCY GIBSON, mother of subject, arrived in Los Angeles, California, September 29, 1934, and has resided with her daughter RUBY MAY GIBSON and a married daughter MRS. G. G. BLAIR at 3843 Twenty-seventh Street, Los Angeles, California. Surveillance maintained over this address failed to result in any information of value concerning subject. Manager of apartment-court occupied by the GIBSONS in Los Angeles is reliable informant.</b></p>			
REFERENCE: <p><b>Report of Special Agent J. D. Swenson dated at Denver, Colorado, 10-23-34.</b></p>			
DETAILS: <p><b>Special Agent C. D. White and this Agent met MRS. NANCY GIBSON, mother of subject, upon her arrival in Los Angeles, California, at 10:00 o'clock P.M. September 29, 1934, via Union Pacific train #21. MRS. GIBSON was met at the train by her daughter RUBY MAY GIBSON and her other daughter and son-in-law MR. and MRS. G. G. BLAIR. MRS. BLAIR escorted her mother, MRS. GIBSON, to their automobile, a DeSoto Sedan, California License #8W7750 and drove Mrs. Gibson to the apartment at 3843 W. 27th St., Los Angeles, California, where Mr. and Mrs. Blair and Ruby May Gibson are at present residing.</b></p>			
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Agent discreetly interviewed Mrs. ASA WELDON, Manager of the apartments at 3843 West 27th St., Los Angeles, California, Telephone Parkway 2500 and was advised that she rented the apartment to Mr. and Mrs. Blair who stated that Mrs. Blair's sister, RUBY MAY GIBSON and Mrs. Blair's mother, MRS. NANCY GIBSON, would be occupying the apartment with them and they were expecting Mrs. NANCY GIBSON to arrive in a very short time from the East. Continuing, Mrs. Weldon stated that the GIBSON apartment consists of five rooms, which includes two bedrooms and a living room furnished with a davenport and that they have a telephone, the number of which is Parkway 5215.

Following this investigation with Mrs. Weldon, intermittent surveillance was maintained over the Gibson apartment without securing any information concerning the whereabouts of subject. A letter cover has been maintained over the mail of Miss Ruby Gibson for a period of months and very little mail has apparently been delivered to Miss Ruby Gibson. The Los Angeles Division Office has in its file a tracing of one letter addressed to Miss Gibson, the return address, Mrs. H. H. Zimmerli, Pocatello, Idaho, which is being attached to the copies of this report transmitted to Mr. E. J. Connelley.

As a result of several discreet interviews with Mrs. ASA WELDON, Manager of the apartments where the GIBSONS are at present residing, it was believed by this Agent that Mrs. Weldon would make an excellent confidential informant for the Los Angeles Division Office. This opinion is based upon the fact that Mrs. Weldon expressed dissatisfaction with the Gibson family as tenants because RUBY GIBSON and MRS. BLAIR drink a little on Saturday nights and disturb her other tenants and also to the fact that Mrs. Weldon is a very religious woman and obviously a woman of high standing in the community. Agent displayed Identification Order No. 1213 to Mrs. Weldon and she examined same and stated that she had not seen subject about the premises and that owing to the location of her apartment she had an excellent opportunity to observe people entering or leaving the apartment-courts and that she would be only too glad to be on the look-out to observe the visitors to the GIBSON apartment.

Agent has followed Mr. G. G. Blair, brother-in-law of subject, from 3843 West 27th St. to his present place of employment, the WETHERBY-KAYSER Shoe Company, 727 South Broadway, Los Angeles, where he is employed as a clerk. Investigation disclosed that prior to being employed by the Wetherby-Kayser Shoe Company, BLAIR was employed by the Nisley Company, 6562 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, California, as a shoe clerk. Investigation disclosed that Miss Ruby May Gibson, who walks with a slight limp, is employed



by the May Co. Department Store in Los Angeles and that Mrs. G. G. Blair, the sister of subject, is employed by the Broadway Department Store, Los Angeles. Blair generally drives his wife and sister to their places of employment each morning in their DeSoto Sedan above described.

At the time of Agent's last interview of Mrs. Weldon, the manager of the apartments, Mrs. Weldon stated she had not seen very much of Mrs. NANCY GIBSON because the latter remained pretty close to home but that informant had had a conversation with Mrs. Gibson during which time Mrs. Gibson stated that she had a son who had been raised very strictly and had not been allowed by his father to even play cards. Mrs. Weldon stated that this statement was made by Mrs. Gibson when they were discussing the different manners in which parents raise their children and Mrs. Weldon further stated that, at the time of making this remark, Mrs. Gibson did not mention the name of her son or his whereabouts.

Division offices receiving copies of instant report are reminded that subject RUSSELL GIBSON, Fugitive, I. O. #1213, is also one of the subjects involved in the ALVIN KARPIS file and that the information set forth above pertaining to the location and activity of subject GIBSON'S immediate family is also pertinent to the investigation contained in the KARPIS matter.

**UNDEVELOPED LEAD:**

The Los Angeles Division Office at Los Angeles, California, will continue its surveillance of the GIBSON residence, especially during the holiday season.

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Upon receipt of above information Agent immediately proceeded to Vancouver, B. C.

[REDACTED] discreet inquiry disclosed that Mrs. Edith Coulston resided at 3254 Vanness Street, Vancouver, with a Mr. and Mrs. Jansen, who have two small children; that Mr. Jansen was formerly employed as a longshoreman, but at the present time is unemployed and that the description of Jansen did not fit any of the above named subjects. It was learned that two or three men visited at 3254 Vanness Street quite often. The above residence has no garage and no information was obtained to the effect that any of the parties who resided at this address had an automobile; neither had any cars been seen at this address.

The mail carrier who delivers mail to above address was interviewed and advised that these parties at 3254 Vanness Street had resided at this address for the past six or eight months; that they received very little mail, but as he now recalled the mail they did receive came from the States, but that he had never paid particular attention to same.

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On the night of December 13, 1934, Agent [REDACTED] visited 3254 Vanness Street and, from a log adjoining the above premises, noticed through a window two women, a man and two children, who were evidently Mrs. Coulston, Mr. and Mrs. Jansen, and their children and, from the view of the man through the window, the writer is positive he is not one of the above named subjects. 3254 Vanness Street has no telephone connections.

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[REDACTED] the Portland Division Office will be advised immediately concerning any developments in this case.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE PORTLAND DIVISION OFFICE: [REDACTED]

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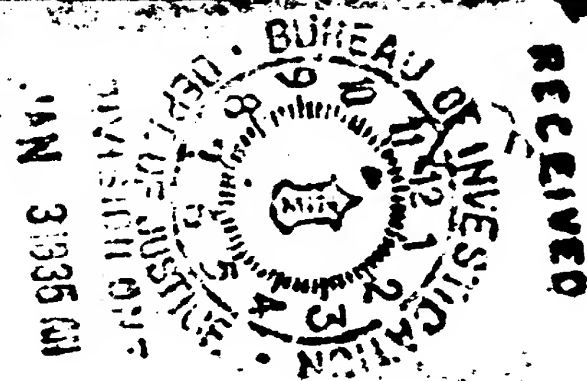
REPORT MADE AT: <b>DENVER, COLORADO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>12/29/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>12/26/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>R. T. MANN</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218 ARTHUR B. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219 RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1213 DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232 EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Mrs. Mayta Campbell of Casper, Wyoming, reinterviewed and states she has not seen Harry Campbell for twelve years, and severed connections with Campbell family when her husband died in 1922.</p>			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent W. M. Bott, Los Angeles, California, dated 10-4-34.			
DETAILS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><b>AT CASPER, WYOMING.</b> The writer called at the home of Mrs. Mayta Campbell, 437 Devine Street, Casper, Wyoming and she advised that she had neither seen nor heard of Harry Campbell for the past twelve years. She stated that her husband, S. B. Campbell died in 1922 but that when she attended his funeral in Tulsa, Oklahoma, she stayed with friends there and did not even visit the decedent's family that lived there; further, that since her husband's death she severed all relations and connections with the Campbell family and has not written to any of them. Also, that she did not know of any girl by the name of Mickey, of Casper, whom Harry Campbell married.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">She stated that she was quite shocked and upset to think that any one</p>			
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would question her in regard to Campbell's whereabouts, since she was one of the most upright and respected persons in Casper, and that if she knew where he was, it would be unnecessary for any one to ask her, since she would divulge such information of her own volition. Continuing, that she believed if Subject ever did come to Casper, her home would be the last place he would come to, since he knew what principles she stood for, and would certainly know that she would refuse to harbor such a person as he.

She advised that she had been interrogated in the premises sometime last summer by Special Agent J. D. Swenson from the Denver office and that she advised him of her lack of knowledge in instant matter, but that if she were ever put in a position to know the whereabouts of Subject Campbell, she would notify the Denver Division Office immediately.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minnesota**FILE NO. **7-36**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Oklahoma City, Okla.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>12/31/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>12/15/29/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>Paul Hansen</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1218; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. 1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Confidential informants at Tulsa, Oklahoma and vicinity have received no definite information about the activities or the location of any of the members of this mob. Mail cover placed on mail of relatives of different members of this gang without any apparent affirmative results. Same mail cover being requested for thirty days more. Information received Russell Gibson born in Manila, P. I.			
REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agent Paul Hansen, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma dated November 16 and December 8, 1934.			
DETAILS: Several tracings from the mail covers placed which are set out in the report of this agent dated November 16, 1934, have been received at the Oklahoma City office. Some of these indicate that some of the correspondence may have some connection with this matter and be of some value and those tracings have been taken care of by letters to the respective offices. The other tracings were apparently only between relatives and of no apparent value.			
A letter is being directed at this time to Special Agent Hill, Post Office Inspector in Charge at Tulsa, Oklahoma, requesting a cover for a period of thirty days of all first class mail received at the following addresses: 225 North Wheeling Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 416 East Oklahoma Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 818 South Rockford Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 1660 East 8th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.			
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It is impracticable to attempt a mail cover on mail received by Harold Wright in care of the Tulsa World, a newspaper, as to the fact that they receive such a large amount of mail, according to the writer, as stated in the second report of reference. Red Andrews, district manager for the Tulsa World, is watching the mail received by the newspaper. He receives any mail at the World, Andrews will notify the Tulsa Police Department, who in turn will advise the writer. The letter was intercepted in this manner which was written by Glenn Roy Wright, who was in the Oklahoma State Prison and smuggled out. It had no information which was of interest or value to the Division or this case.

Several informants that have been developed in this case at Tulsa and vicinity, including [redacted] have been contacted by the writer since the writing of the last report of reference but none of them have obtained any information concerning the activities or the location of any of the members in this mob.

[redacted] that one Dutch Bowman, a former associate of Fred Barker, stayed with them most of the time. They got hot regarding a store robbery in Miami, Oklahoma and left suddenly about December 13, or 14. After they left, she said that a letter was observed by her in their mail box addressed to "Lee Wright, 135 East Brady, Tulsa, Oklahoma." It had a return address of "Sam R. Wright, Route 7, Decatur, Illinois." It was written on cheap stationery, and the return was originally stamped "Sam R. Wright, 1140 East Cleveland Avenue, Decatur, Illinois." The street address had a line drawn through it and Route 7 was written in. [redacted] says that this letter was meant for one of the three mentioned above and from her talk with Dutch Bowman, she thinks that it is possible that Bowman may have some contact with Fred Barker at present. A few years ago, she said, Bowman acted as a contact man for this gang and ran errands for them, furnished them with nitro-glycerine, guns, etc. She suggests that Sam R. Wright be checked.

Fred Schuler, a private investigator at Tulsa, Oklahoma, whose telephone number is 3-9644, has communicated with the Oklahoma City office and has been interviewed by this Agent and Agent Frank Whelan. He says that one Bud Fisher, who operates the Fisher Filling Station at 1305 North Lewis Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, is his confidential informant and that Fisher has advised him that Karpis and Volney Davis are now traveling together; that they are driving a 1934 Terraplane Sedan, color and license number unknown; that on at least two occasions they put on a party at the Silver Slipper Cafe in Tulsa; that they stay with a man by the name of Lansetter, whom he later advised was the same as Glenn Lamberson, whose wife is a sister to Volney Davis. The writer has observed the place where Lamberson and his family live, which appears to be a one or possibly two room flat on the second floor of a home and it is almost impossible to think that Karpis or Volney Davis would stay at this address.

Schuler had indicated that he may have to have some money for expenses and from his conversation, it is very apparent that the information he is supplying is unreliable. However, Bud Fisher will be interviewed at some future date in this matter for any possible information he may have concerning any of the members of this gang.

[redacted] mentioned several times previously in this case, as a confidential informant, contacted the writer at Tulsa, Oklahoma and advised [redacted]

[redacted] and that he would do anything suggested by this Division to locate and apprehend any of the members of this mob. He had a plan which he suggested concerning which the Division is being advised in a letter. He had no information concerning the location of any of these subjects but said if he ever received any information he would report it to the writer.

[redacted] he has not been bothered by Hazel Doyle, [redacted] though he says he rather looks for some trouble from her which he thinks will come either directly or indirectly through some of the members of this mob. He still seemed sincere when he said that he would advise Gene Haverfield, Deputy Sheriff at Nowata, Oklahoma, or the writer, concerning any information he receives about this gang.

George Tobler, Deputy Sheriff at Coffeyville, Kansas, requested Gene Haverfield to obtain a conference for him with the writer. He was interviewed at Coffeyville, Kansas, and said that [redacted]

[redacted] had agreed to put Jess Doyle on the spot in Kansas City if as much as \$500.00 would be paid as a reward for this service. Tobler arranged for a meeting with the writer and [redacted] advised the writer that he was satisfied that Jess Doyle is now living in Kansas City, Missouri. He said that he had no idea as to his definite location or address but if this Division would furnish him with the approximate location of Doyle in Kansas City that he could go to that neighborhood and without asking too many questions would be able to locate him and would be willing, as stated above, to advise the writer or some other Division Agent whom the writer would guarantee to be "all right." This case was discussed generally with [redacted] and he said that he knew Fred Barker as well as he knew his brother, though he had received no direct contacts or word from him since he left Oklahoma two or three years ago. He said that he felt satisfied that if he knew of the approximate location of Fred Barker, he could also find his definite location and would be willing to put him on the spot for the money the bureau will pay for that confidential information. [redacted] said that he would endeavor to secure some additional information from a Chicago hoodlum who is presently connected with Hazel Doyle at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, to determine if he could furnish any contacts in Chicago regarding Fred Barker's location and if he receives any information he will communicate with George Tobler, who will in turn communicate with the writer.



With reference to Division letter to the Kansas City office dated December 11, 1934, the disposition of the arrest of Herman L. Stiles who was arrested by the Sheriff's Office at Lawton, Oklahoma April 1, 1933, was obtained from the Alcohol Tax Unit at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, which shows that this case was dismissed against Stiles on February 17, 1934.

Pursuant to the request as shown in the letter of SAC Connelley, Chicago, Illinois dated December 26, 1934, it was ascertained from the State Highway Commission, Oklahoma City that Ford V-8 Coach, Motor No. 1266251, Ford V-8 Victoria Coupe, Motor No. 1142463, and Pontiac Coach, Motor No. 929155, are not registered in the State of Oklahoma. Appropriate stop cards were placed among the State records so that the Oklahoma City office will be advised in the event they receive any information concerning same.

The letter emanating from the Kansas City office dated December 17, 1934 advises that Ford V-8, Motor No. 899365 has been recovered in Kansas City, Missouri in the possession of an innocent purchaser. The stop card previously placed with the State Highway Commission, Oklahoma City, with reference to this automobile has been withdrawn.

Under date of December 17, 1934, Mr. Henry F. Taylor, Senior Warden's Assistant, U. S. Southwestern Reformatory, El Reno, Oklahoma, forwarded to the Oklahoma City office a copy of a letter received by Albert (Pat) Reilly, Reformatory No. 1164 SW, from Opal Milligan, 877 St. Peter Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, the following paragraphs of which are quoted, as being of possible interest to auxiliary offices:

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
Sheriff Stanley Rogers, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, received the following letter under the postmark of San Francisco, California dated December 24, 1934, 9:00 A. M. with the return address of Elsie Lambert, care of R. R. Collins, Laurel, Delaware:

San Francisco Cal.  
Dec. 24, 1934

Sheriff of Oklahoma City

Dear Sir

A man answering the description of enclosed picture is boarding at the Oriente Hotel (Wall City) Manila P. I. He has his dinner between 6 30 and 7 30 P. M. He sits at the third table from the stair way on the side of the dining room next to the street. His name and room No can be known by asking the head waiter by the name of Tommy. I was boarding at the Oriente sat only a few tables from this man, his scars and shy ways attracted my attention. When I saw this picture I recognized the resemblance and description at once. I sailed from Manila Dec. 4. Should this prove to be Russell Gibson you can communicate with me at this address Elsie L. Lambert c/o R. R. Collins Laurel Del.

Respectfully

Mrs. Lambert

With this letter was enclosed a clipping, apparently from a magazine, containing the photograph of Russell Gibson with the reward notice of \$1250 for arrest or conviction, the Sheriff's office at Oklahoma City or the nearest Burns Detective Agency to be notified. The Philadelphia office was advised of the substance of this communication by wire on December 29, 1934 with the suggestion that Mrs. Lambert be interviewed for more detailed information and identification. Telegraphic response was received from Philadelphia December 30, 1934, indicating that Mrs. Elsie Lambert could be located for the next week care of General Delivery, San Diego, California. Before requesting investigation of the Los Angeles office, Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley was contacted by telephone at Chicago, Illinois, who advised that Russell Gibson had been identified as being in Chicago on December 18, 1934 and it would therefore appear that the information submitted by Mrs. Lambert is erroneous. No further action is therefore being taken with respect to the information furnished by this individual.

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Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
232 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

(Name and address of Contributor)

Date December 3, 1934.

Mr. J. E. Hoover,  
Director, Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Following are the dispositions of cases on which  
fingerprints have been mailed to the Bureau of Investiga-  
tion:

Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
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965161	1-22-3	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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This form to be submitted to the Bureau of Investi-  
gation to report dispositions of cases in which prints were  
forwarded previously. Dispositions include such information  
as advice relative to sentences imposed, fines, discharges  
from custody, etc. Several cases may be listed on each sheet.

Very truly yours,

*D. M. Ladd*  
D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.  
(Official Title)

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AUTHORITY REQUESTED TAP TELEPHONE DIVERSEY ELEVEN ELEVEN BARBARA

LONQUEST 439 ARLINGTON PLACE, CONTACT MILDRED KUHLMAN, ASSOCIATE

ARTHUR H. BARKER, GLADYS HODIL ASSOCIATE BARBARA LONQUEST, ETAL.

LEFT LAST NIGHT FOR BUFFALO, BAGGAGE CHECKED THROUGH TO BUFFALO AND

BUFFALO OFFICE TO MAKE DISCREET CHECK HER CONTACTS THERE. TILIE

LONQUEST BABARA LONQUEST PROCEEDED CARE MRS J. N. CROSS, LEONA

KAUS, APPARENTLY RELATIVES, NO CONTACT WITH GANG INDICATED THERE, HOWEVER

2-8- KANSAS CITY TO DISCREETLY COVER. MILDRED KUHLMAN APPARENTLY

RE CONTACTED KARPIS ARTHUR H. BAKXX BARKER HERE AND HER ASSOCIATES

PATRICIA LONQUEST, ETAL, BEING COVERED FOR LEAD TO HIDEOUT HERE.

TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS INDICATE MILDRED WAS TO JOIN KARPIS BARKER

AND THEN RETURN CHICAGO SATURDAY JOHN BORCIA CONTACT RUSSELL GIBSON,

ALIAS SLIM GRAY, ALSO ASSOCIATING MILDRED KUHLMAN AND LONQUEST WOMEN

ALSO POSSIBLY PANDERING FOR WOMEN AND HANDLING NARCOTICS NOT WITHSTANDING

TIPOFF BY NIGHT CLERK, COMMONWEALTH HOTEL, GOVERNMENT WAS CHECKING HIM

IS GOING ABOUT HIS ACTIVITIES AND CONTACTS ALTHOUGH HE CHECKED OUT

COMMONWEALTH HOTEL WITH HIS TWO WOMEN ELISSA GOUDIE AND BESS SETEN

WE ARE ~~COVERING HIS ACTIVITIES~~ COVERING HIS ACTIVITIES.

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Mr. Coffey.....
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Mr. Harbo.....
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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER.

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DECEMBER 24, 1934.

MR. CONNELLEY  
TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT CHICAGO ILLINOIS

BREKID AUTHORITY GRANTED TAP TELEPHONE DIVERSITY ELEVEN ELEVEN MENTIONED  
IN YOUR TELETYPE TONIGHT.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
~~Department of Investigation~~  
Post Office Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
December 31, 1934

Mr. Nathan .....  
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Mr. Tamm .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Candy .....

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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O.  
1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with  
aliases, I.O. 1219; ET AL: ED-  
WARD GEORGE BREMER-Victim-Kid-  
naping.

Dear Sir:

The attention of the Division is respectfully called to  
the report of Special Agent Paul Hansen dated December 31, 1934 in the  
above entitled case.

[redacted] has pro-  
posed to Agent Paul Hansen that the Division send her to Heber Springs,  
Arkansas for three or four days where she might contact and visit with  
a man and woman who operate a small hotel there whose name she does not  
remember but who were very close contacts of Freddie Barker and Alvin  
Karpis and also of Herman Barker before he was killed when these out-  
laws were in that vicinity. She says that if Fred Barker goes into  
Arkansas she is satisfied he will contact this man and if this hotel  
proprietor has received any contact or any information concerning Barker  
or any of his friends, [redacted] is satisfied that she would be able to get  
this information by visiting with this couple two or three days.

The attention of the Division is also directed to the con-  
tact made by Agent Hansen with [redacted] who is known more by the name  
of [redacted]

[redacted] has the reputation for being a friend of all criminals and of-  
ficers in Kansas and Oklahoma do not suspect that he would ever give in-  
formation concerning any criminals. He tells Agent Hansen that he is  
broke and that he wants to raise a thousand dollars to go to Old Mexico  
on some errand and he is therefore willing to put Jess Doyle, Fred Barker  
or any of their friends on the spot for the money the Division will pay  
for this confidential information. He is broke,, however, he says, and  
the Division would have to pay his expenses if he went to Kansas City or

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Chicago. [redacted] does not say that he can locate any of these subjects, but, on the other hand, says that he does not know what he could do. He is sure, however, that if he could get in the vicinity where these subjects are staying or where they are making contact that he could "get up to them" in a couple of weeks.

Agent Hansen was impressed with [redacted] sincerity and believes that he would put these subjects where they could be apprehended if he were able to. If the Division feels so disposed to pay [redacted] expenses to Kansas City or Chicago, it is possible that he could visit some of the night clubs and contacts that are known to be frequented by members of this mob and eventually make a direct and personal contact with some of them. [redacted] says that he is personally acquainted with Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and Jess Doyle but does not know the other members of this gang personally. [redacted] is about 30 years old, has associated with criminals practically all of his life and is a fearless personality. It is thought that he could perform a mission of this kind if he were able or lucky enough to make the contacts which would put him in communication with Barker or Jess Doyle.

It is respectfully requested that the Division advise whether it feels disposed to engage either [redacted] or the above suggested purposes.

[redacted] advised Agent Hansen that Lloyd Barker did not want to sign an application for a parole at this time as he believed that representatives of law enforcing bodies would not let him alone if he were to get out of the penitentiary and he therefore desires to stay where he is until his two outlaw brothers are either apprehended or killed. He says if the Division will set him up, or let him set up, someone else as a fence at Picher, Oklahoma or Coffeyville, Kansas or Kansas City, Missouri, in order that he could get out the word that this fence would loan money on stolen jewelry, it would bring in some of this mob as they have some diamonds and jewelry they would like to get some money on. [redacted] has always contended that the mob is having trouble getting rid of its hot money. He said that he would be willing to have an Agent or anyone the Division would suggest act as the fence and supply the money or he could get someone else to supply the money if the Division would assure him that he would be immune from prosecution. He said that it would be necessary to make a few buys in order to establish good faith among the underworld, which word would get to this mob and -- "it's sure to bring them in".

Agent Hansen advised [redacted] that he was satisfied the Division would not acquiesce to an arrangement of that kind but the information is submitted to the Division for its information. Contact is being kept with [redacted] in order that he will know where to transmit any information

he receives about the members of this mob in case he ever obtains any.

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc St. Paul  
Chicago (Connelley)  
Kansas City

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January 8, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

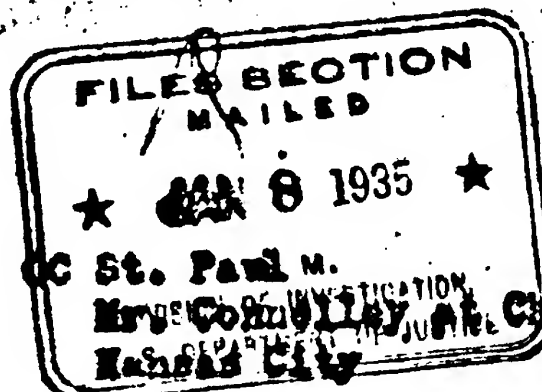
RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218,  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. 1219,  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232,  
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I. O. 1213, et al,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim, KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to your letter of December 21, 1934  
wherein you discuss the possibility of obtaining information con-  
cerning the above entitled case from informants [REDACTED]

The Division has given consideration to this matter  
and feels that of the informants discussed by you [REDACTED] is  
in the best position to produce desired results and, therefore,  
you are authorized to pay him a sum of money not to exceed \$100  
in order that he may proceed to Kansas City, Missouri with a view  
to possibly learning the whereabouts of members of the Barker-Karpis  
gang. There should be a specific understanding with [REDACTED] that  
the information obtained by him shall be furnished exclusively to  
a representative of this Division and explicit instructions should  
be given him as to the manner in which he might contact the Special  
Agent in Charge of the Kansas City Office in the event information  
of importance is developed which requires immediate attention.

With reference to the other two informants, they should  
be advised that this Division will pay them an appropriate sum of  
money for information which will bring about the location and  
apprehension of members of the gang.

Very truly yours,



John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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*[Handwritten signature]*  
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Room 735  
Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

January 2, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 1276,  
224 Federal Building,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al  
EDWARD G. BREMER -- VICTIM  
KIDNAPPING

Dear Sir:-

As suggested in your wire of December 29, 1934, Special Agent C. J. Martin of this office on December 30, 1934, proceeded to Laurel, Delaware for the purpose of interviewing Mrs. Elsie Lambert, at the residence of her father, R. R. Collins, in order to obtain more detailed information concerning her identification of Russell Gibson, whom she observed at the Oriente Hotel in Manila, P. I. on December 4, 1934.

Mr. Roland Collins related that his daughter, Mrs. Elsie Lambert is at present, in San Diego, California and receiving mail at General Delivery. She expected to be there about two weeks according to information received from her in a letter dated December 24, 1934. After leaving San Diego, she will proceed to Los Angeles and Hollywood, California and during the course of the next few months will travel as far East as Oklahoma City. Mr. Collins did not know her itinerary but was advised by her in the letter above referred to that she would keep him informed as to where she would be while she is traveling during the next two months.

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This is in confirmation of my wire of December 20,  
1934.

Very truly yours,

R. G. HARVEY,  
Special Agent in Charge

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December 29, 1934

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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

BREXID OBTAIN AND FORWARD TO DIVISION PHOTOGRAPH FROM THE CHICAGO ILLINOIS  
POLICE DEPARTMENT OF EDNA MURRAY ARRESTED AS DORIS FARRELL C-31722 SEPTEMBER  
4, 1931 ON A CHARGE OF GENERAL PRINCIPLES

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DIRECTOR

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MRS. HOMER WILSON LOCATED TODAY LIVING AT 8465 EVERETT  
AVENUE CHICAGO UNDER NAME OF MRS. JOHN WILLIAMS. DEFINITELY ESTABLISHED  
HOMER WILSON ALIAS "BIG HOMER" DIED AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS NOVEMBER 29,  
1934. MRS. WILSON NOW BEING INTERVIEWED AT CHICAGO OFFICE.

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December 13, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

In connection with the teletype received from Inspector Clegg at Chicago, Illinois dated December 11, 1934 advising of the death of Homer Wilson alias "Big Homer" at Chicago, Illinois on November 29, 1934, please be advised that when this information was furnished Mr. Coffey of the Technical Laboratory, he suggested that fingerprints be obtained from this individual in order to definitely establish his identity.

It is to be recalled that this individual has been more or less of a suspect in connection with the Massacre case, the Hamm and Bremer kidnaping cases, and the Holland, Michigan bank case, and it is suggested that the fingerprints of Homer Wilson be compared with the latent prints in those cases.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby.

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December 31, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
405 Post Office Building,  
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the fingerprints of John P. Chase received in the Division on December 31, 1934, in connection with the case entitled John Paul Chase with aliases; John Hamilton with aliases, I.O. 1220 et al; National Motor Vehicle Theft Act; Obstruction of Justice; Harboring of Fugitives; Murder of Inspector S. P. Cowley and Special Agent Hollis.

One of the latent fingerprints developed on the glass of the alarm clock found in the rear of the Ford car used by the murderers of Inspector Cowley and Special Agent Hollis at Barrington, Illinois has been identified as that of the left thumb of John P. Chase. The remaining latent impressions in this case, as well as the latent prints developed in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases et al; Edward G. Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping, have been compared with the fingerprints of Chase, but no additional identification has been effected.

In the event that enlarged charts of the above identification will be necessary for use in any court proceedings, it will be necessary for the Chicago office to submit to the Division the original negative showing the latent print involved in the identification.

A search of the main fingerprint files of the Identification Unit reveals no prior criminal record for John P. Chase.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director.

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Director  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue and 9th Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1218  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. #1219  
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I. O. #1213  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases,  
I. O. #1232, et al  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Please furnish this office with an additional supply of the  
strip containing photographs of Subjects Fred<sup>o</sup> Barker, Arthur R.<sup>o</sup> Barker,  
Volney<sup>o</sup> Davis, Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*  
R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Chicago

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O.#1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O.#1215;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.#1232;  
ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in your letter dated January 2, 1935, there are transmitted herewith twenty-five (25) photographic strips reflecting the photographs of Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker and Harry Campbell.

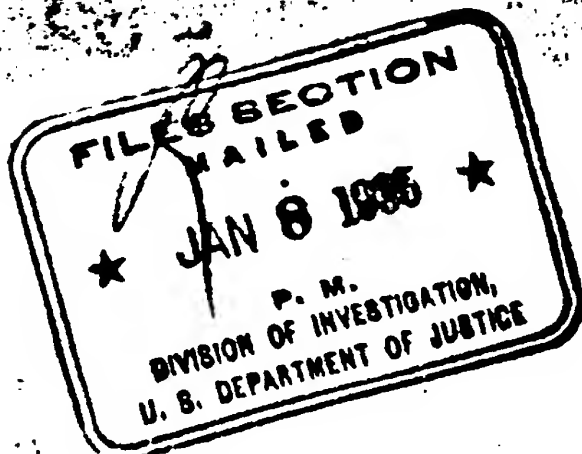
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure No. 803885.

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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
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PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG**

**BREMER KIDNAPPING**

**FILE NUMBER: 7-576**

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Post Office Box 812,  
Chicago, Illinois  
December 28, 1934

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to your letter of December 24,  
1934, relative to the assignment of Special Agent  
in Charge E. J. Connelley to supervise all invest-  
igation in the Chicago area, of the DILLINGER,  
BRUYER, KANSAS CITY MASSACRE, and STOLL KIDNAPING  
cases.

It is believed that the instructions contained in  
your letter of December 24, 1934 are fully under-  
stood by the Chicago Division Office, and this  
office will continue as it has in the past, in  
furnishing all necessary assistance to Mr. Connelley  
in connection with the investigation of these cases.

Very truly yours,

E. J. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL, MINN.

St. Louis file no. 7115

REPORT MADE AT St. Louis, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/2/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/18, 27/34	REPORT MADE BY J. S. BUSH
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218; ARTHUR B. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. #1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I. O. #1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. #1232; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Sam R. Wright, Rural Route #7, Decatur, Ill. is father of Lee Wright, Tulsa, Okla., resides with his wife and daughter at home of one Albert Elam, near Decatur, Ill. The only person with whom the mail carriers are at all acquainted who has appeared at home of Sam R. Wright is one William McCullough, who is stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Mo.			
REFERENCE: Letter from the Oklahoma City Office, dated 12/17/34.			
DETAILS: At Decatur, Illinois. It was ascertained through Mr. E. J. Dillehunt, and Mail Carrier Edward F. Quintenz, that Sam R. Wright, who is approximately 35 years of age, and who formerly lived at 1140 E. Cleveland Street for a period of approximately five years, moved to Rural Route #7, Decatur, Illinois into a small house located approximately five miles from Decatur, four months ago, and is presently residing with his brother-in-law, one Albert Elam, in the house on Rural Route #7. Quintenz, who has known Sam R. Wright for five years, said that while the latter resided at 1140 E. Cleveland Street, Decatur, Illinois, no one lived with him other than his wife and a son, Ira Wright, who is presently in the U. S. Army, stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He said that Lee Wright, mentioned in the letter of reference, is Sam R. Wright's son and has resided in Tulsa, Oklahoma for a number of years; that Sam R. Wright was formerly a salesman for the McNeess and Watkins Medicine Company, but, to his knowledge, now known to have worked for several years.			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>R. E. Dillehunt</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-3691	RECORDED AND INDEXED JAN 4 - 1935
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 3 Division 2 St. Paul 2 Oklahoma City 2 E. J. Connelley, P. O. Box 829, Chicago, Ill.		BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION JAN 4 1935 A.M. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	CHECKED OFF: JAN 7 - 1935 JACKETED:
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Rural Mail Carrier Lon Tolley, 944 N. Water Street, who delivers mail to the Elams and Wrights on Rural Route #7, was interviewed and stated that the only persons who resided with Elam are Thelma Wright, approximately 34 years of age and who is Sam R. Wright's daughter, and Sam R. Wright and his wife, however, that during the past two or three weeks, he had seen an old roadster, bearing foreign license plates parked in front of Elam's house and thought that this automobile probably belonged to Lee Wright of Tulsa, Okla. He said that the only other automobile that he had seen parked in Elam's yard, were 2 Chevrolets, one of which Elam owned and that the other one belonged to Sam R. Wright or his daughter. Tolley further stated that he had seen a "palefaced" man, approximately 25 years of age in the aforementioned roadster on several occasions, but did not know whether this individual was Lee Wright.

Agent exhibited photograph of Alvin Karpis to Tolley, whereupon, he said that this photograph bore a slight resemblance to a person he had seen in the roadster, however, that he had paid very little attention to this individual's face and had not observed him enough to furnish agent a physical description.

Thereafter, agent, accompanied by Mr. Emory Thornell, Sheriff at Danville, Illinois and 2 deputies, proceeded to the Elam home on Rural Route #7 to conduct a discreet investigation, under the pretext that an investigation was being made of all automobiles, bearing foreign license plates. Upon arriving at the Elam home, it was ascertained that Sam R. Wright and his wife were the only persons on the premises and upon being interrogated regarding the roadster parked in front of the house, Wright stated that this roadster was the property of one Willie McCullough of Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, who he said had recently visited him with his son, Ira Wright of Jefferson Barracks, Missouri and that when McCullough and Ira Wright returned to Jefferson Barracks, Missouri a few days prior to agent's arrival in Decatur, they left McCullough's roadster at the Elam home and returned to Jefferson Barracks in Ira Wright's automobile, however, that they would return at a later date and drive McCullough's car back to Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

Agent examined the roadster in question and ascertained that it is a Peerless Roadster, motor #11E9479 and that it bore 1934 Missouri license plates #26-988. Upon returning to St. Louis, Missouri, it was ascertained that 1934 Missouri license plates 26-988 were issued to A. Seigel, Company F, 6th Infantry, Jefferson Barracks, Missouri for a Ford, motor #4,712,590. In view of the fact that McCullough's roadster bore one license plate only, it is believed that he borrowed this license plate from Seigel, in order that Ira Wright might drive the Peerless Roadster to Decatur, Illinois.

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 1887  
Charlotte, North Carolina

January 3, 1935

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. #1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I. O. #1213;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. #1232;  
ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to Division letter dated December 5, 1934, and the Division is requested to furnish the Charlotte Office with fifteen photographic strips reflecting the photographs of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, and Harry Campbell.

Very truly yours,

*T. N. Stapleton*

T. N. STAPLETON,  
Special Agent in Charge

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January 8, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Charlotte, North Carolina.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O.#1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O.#1218;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.#1222;  
ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
KIDNAPING.

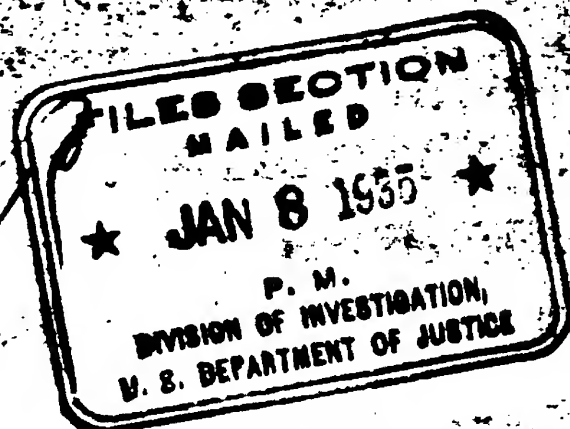
Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in your letter dated January 5, 1935, there are transmitted herewith fifteen (15) photographic strips reflecting the photographs of Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker and Harry Campbell.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure No. 801884.





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DECEMBER 11 1934

**TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT**

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT MR. CONNELLEY - CHICAGO OFFICE

AUTHORITY GRANTED PAY FORTY SEVEN DOLLARS FIFTY CENTS FOR ONE MONTHS RENT  
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 829,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

January 3, 1935.

ms.  
Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. 1213;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O.  
1232; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

Reference is made to teletype from the Division dated 12/29/34, requesting that this office obtain from the Chicago, Illinois, Police Department, a photograph of Edna Murray, which was taken at the time of her arrest as Doris Farrell, on 9/4/31, on a charge of general principles.

There is attached hereto the photograph requested, bearing Chicago Police Department No. C-31722. It will be noted that this photograph is practically identical with the photographs of Edna Murray already in possession of the Division.

Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*  
J. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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POST OFFICE BOX 839,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

December 26, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir: In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 2218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1217;  
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. 1218;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O.  
1232; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-22

A Ford V-8 coach, black in color, bearing 1934 Illinois license No. 1266231, was seen by an Agent of the Chicago Division office on 12/22/34 to drive up to the address 641 Oakdale Street, Chicago, Illinois. Special Agent R. C. Suran, who saw this car, believed same was being driven by subject Alvin Karpis. This car was purchased in the name of J. B. Bolton from the Vrba Motor Company, Cicero, Illinois, on 2/29/34 and bears motor No. 1130843. The circumstances under which this car approached the address 641 Oakdale Street, and the name under which it was purchased, J. B. Bolton, Harrison Hotel, indicated quite specifically that Agent Suran's belief that Alvin Karpis was driving the car may be correct. It is requested that the St. Paul Division office and all offices receiving copies of this letter immediately contact the Motor Vehicle Registration Bureaus of the states within their respective jurisdictions and arrange to be advised should this car be re-registered in any State for the year 1935.

It has also been ascertained by the Chicago Division office that subject Russell Gibson as Andrew Allen, purchased a Ford V-8 Victoria coupe, black in color, bearing motor No. 1142463 and Illinois 1934 license No. 1289927. Gibson purchased this car on 11/23/34 from the Vrba Motor Company, Cicero, Illinois. Each office receiving copies of this letter is likewise requested to make arrangements to be advised by the State Motor Vehicle Registration Bureaus should this car be registered for the year 1935.

Dr. Joseph P. Moran, one of the subjects of this investigation, is the owner of a 1933 model Pontiac coach, dark in color, bearing motor No. 935155, serial No. 815239. Information as to the license plates on this car is unknown. It is desired that each office receiving a copy of this letter also request the Motor Vehicle Registration Bureaus of the various States to advise when this car is registered for the year 1935 and also to determine to whom licenses were issued for this car for the year 1934.

Very truly yours,

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E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge

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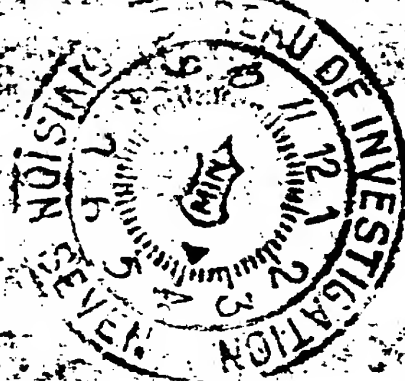
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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT  
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E. J. CONNELLEY  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1900 BANKERS BUILDING  
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

BREKID REFERENCE YOUR LETTER TO ST PAUL DIVISION OFFICE DATED DECEMBER TWENTY  
SIX NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR IMMEDIATELY FURNISH DIVISION FULL DETAILS  
RELATIVE OBSERVATION OF CAR AT SIX FOUR ONE OAKDALE STREET CHICAGO ILLINOIS  
BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN OCCUPIED BY SUBJECT ALVIN KARPIS

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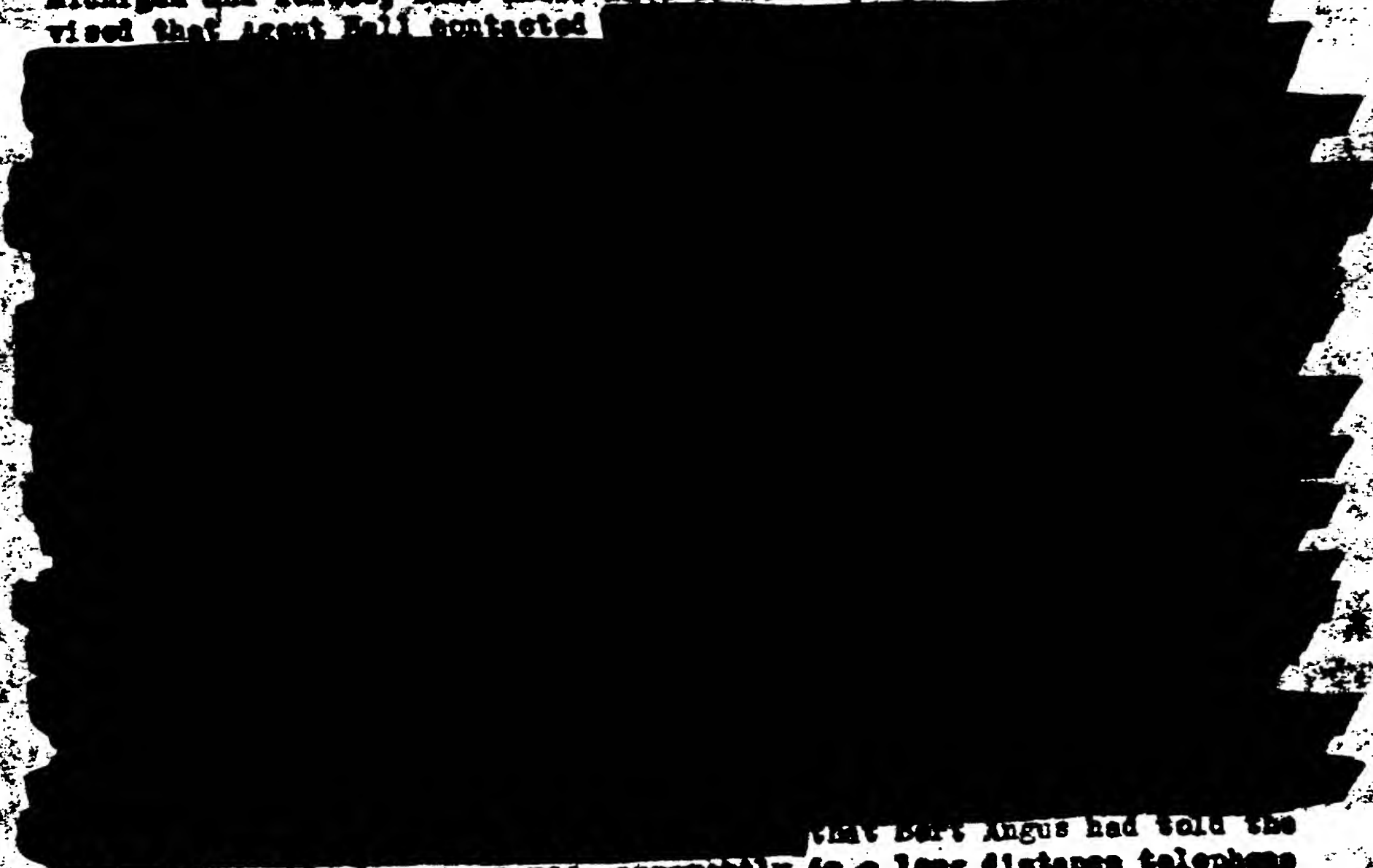
Mr. E. J. Connelley  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 7020  
Chicago, Illinois



Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1212;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. #1212;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1212;  
ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Confirming and supplementing your long distance telephone  
conversations with Special Agent D. E. Hall of this office at Detroit,  
Michigan and Toledo, Ohio under date of January 2, 1935, please be ad-  
vised that Agent Hall contacted



that Earl Angus had told the  
boys, not mentioning any names, apparently in a long distance telephone  
conversation, the place from which the call was made or received being



Page 2.

unknown, that George Sargent had called him, Bert Angus and requested him to communicate with the gang and have Mildred return to Toledo as the Toledo police are looking for him, Sargent, and he feels certain that the reason they are looking for him is because Mildred is supposed to be with the gang.

In this connection Bert Angus is reported to have stated that Sargent called him at the Casino Club by telephone to make this request, thinking that the telephone at the Casino Club was tapped.

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In connection with the fact that George Sargent is being looked for, informant advised that Captain George Timmony of the Toledo Police Department is endeavoring to locate and apprehend George Sargent, who is at present hiding some place, probably at the home of Jennie Licavoli in Toledo as it is generally conceded in Toledo that Sargent has become the boss racketeer and that on the nights of December 29 and 30, 1934, Timmony, with other officers of the Toledo Police Department, called at his place of business, observed it and accused him of harboring Sargent, which he denied. Informant stated that he feels positive that the absence of Mildred from Toledo has no connection with Timmony trying to locate and apprehend Sargent.

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Very truly yours,

DEH:MEB

Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

cc - Division  
St. Paul



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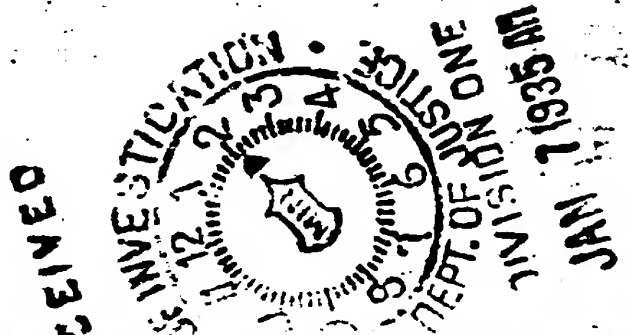
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E P GUINANE  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
405 POST OFFICE BUILDING  
SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA

BREKID WIRE IMMEDIATELY TO WHOM AND FOR WHAT CAR NINETEEN THIRTY  
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706  
300 Foster Building,  
Little Rock, Arkansas,  
January 4, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 828,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I. O. 1218;  
Arthur R. Barker, with aliases, I. O.  
1219;  
Russell Gibson, with aliases, I. O. 1215;  
Mr. Joseph P. Moran, with aliases,  
I. O. 1232;  
et al.  
Edward George Bremer - VICTIM.  
Kidnaping.

With reference to your letter dated December 26, 1934, this is to  
advise that arrangements have been made at the State Motor Vehicle Regis-  
tration Bureau, Little Rock, Arkansas, that the Little Rock office be ad-  
vised should the following cars be registered in the State of Arkansas:

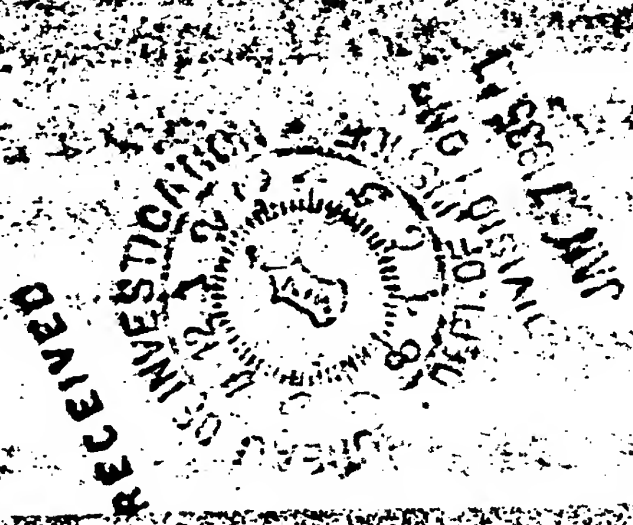
Ford V-8 Coach, motor #1130843; Ford V-8 Victoria Coupe, motor  
#1142463; and 1933 Pontiac Coach, motor #935155.

It was further determined that no license plates were issued by  
the State of Arkansas during the year 1934 for the 1933 Pontiac Coach,  
motor #935155.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CH:am  
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cc Division  
Chicago  
St. Paul  
Kansas City



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1816 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
JANUARY 8, 1935.

E. J. Connelly  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 829  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O.  
1935, ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Your attention is respectfully invited to report of  
Special Agent R. P. Shanahan dated at Kansas City, Missouri  
1-4-35, on pages 10 and 11, where, through a typographical  
error, the Chicago address of Subject Russell Gibson is re-  
ported to be 1233 LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

On this date [redacted] through whom this information  
was furnished, was again interviewed by Special Agent R. P.  
Shanahan who was definitely informed that the above address  
should read 1233 LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The latter address is the correct address, according  
to the information furnished [redacted] mentioned in reference report,  
and is the same address that was communicated to the Chicago  
Office in a letter from this office dated December 28, 1934.

This information is being communicated to you at this  
time so that no confusion will arise from the address set forth  
on page 10 of the reference report and also in the undeveloped  
lead for the Chicago Office.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

RPS:os  
cc - Division

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
JAN 7 - 1935
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

St. Paul, Minnesota,

St. Paul

FILE NO. 7-350

REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minn.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-4-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12/3/34 to 1/2/35	REPORT MADE BY: O. G. Hall
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR H. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1215; etc.; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  Motor Vehicle Departments of Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, and South Dakota, contacted with reference to Ford 1934 V-8 Sedan, motor #89365, Chevrolet Sedan, motor #4543656; stop cards placed in file for 1934 and 1935. Various underworld characters interviewed at St. Paul, Minnesota, but no information of value obtained. A \$10.00 note of the ransom money located at Anagwah-ching, Minnesota. No information secured as to identity of person passing note. CHARLES J. FITZGERALD, with aliases, is not identical with JOHN HAMMOND, with aliases. OPAL LONG is no longer in the St. Paul District.			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. E. Brennan, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 12-14-34.			
DETAILS:  Investigation reported herein was conducted by Special Agents working on this case.			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>D. M. Ladd</i>		RECORDED AND INDEXED: JAN 7 1935	
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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent E. M. Motesteen on December 18, 1934:

ROBERT SCHMIDT, alias "Frisco Dutch", now held in the County Jail in St. Paul under State charge of operating a gambling device, was interviewed by Special Agent E. M. Motesteen of the St. Paul Division Office on December 18, 1934 and photographs of all subjects in the BREMER and DILLINGER cases exhibited to him.

SCHMIDT had previously refused to give any information whatsoever to members of the St. Paul Police Department, but on this occasion advised agent that he had, to the best of his recollection, seen KARPIS and the BARKERS at the Plantation Club, which was operated by him; that these men had undoubtedly been in there during the summer and Fall of 1933. Concerning HARRY SAWYER, "Frisco Dutch" stated that SAWYER weighs approximately 300 pounds, and is otherwise similar in appearance and description to the photograph in this file.

"Frisco Dutch" denied any association with underworld characters in St. Paul, stating that he had a good remunerative business and would not prejudice his position by having anything to do with kidnapers and bank robbers; that whenever "heavies" appeared in his establishment he was very careful to have nothing to do with them. "Frisco Dutch" further stated that his record of no arrests during the past nine years substantiated his claim that he had had no association whatsoever with members of the kidnaping gang, and that he had no knowledge concerning the activities of the persons involved.

Continued questioning failed to develop any further information from ROBERT SCHMIDT, alias "Frisco Dutch".

EMM:ACW



On December 3, 1934, the Kansas City Division Office, by telegram, advised the St. Paul Office that Ford Sedan, motor #899365, was sold on October 10, 1934, to the Finance Outlet Company, Kansas City, Missouri, by an individual giving the name of E.J. POWELL, for \$350.00 in cash. Advice was received that the car had been repaired at the Skiple Auto Top and Body Works, Minot, North Dakota. It was stated that the person bore some resemblance to RUSSELL GIBSON.

In connection with the above, Special Agent J.H. Rice, on December 15, 1934, conducted the following investigation:

At Minot, North Dakota.

Mr. M. SKIPLE, Skiple Auto Top and Body Works, after examining his records, advised that a man by the name of POWERS had wrecked, near Minot, a Ford V-8, 1934 model sedan, and on August 21, 1934, the car was brought to his place by POWERS, who was a stranger to him. The car remained about one month while being repaired. POWERS paid approximately \$200.00 in cash for the repair job. He claimed to be from Fort Peck and Billings, Montana, at which places he claimed to be operating a gambling joint and had some girls; that he was making plenty of money. As far as SKIPLE knows, POWERS did not stay at Minot, but, while the car was being repaired, he made several trips to see how the repair job was progressing. No identifying data concerning the motor number or license plates was secured. There might have been Ohio license plates on the car.

MR. SKIPLE and his sons, described POWERS, initials not known, as about 28-30 years of age; 5'9" tall; 150 pounds; blond hair; blue eyes; well dressed; no visible scars; clean shaven; very talkative. He was accompanied by another party about the same age, height, weight, but dark complexioned. The SKIPLES saw no women with these men. POWERS claimed that no one was injured in the wreck. They have not seen these men since about September 21, last, when the repair bill was paid. These men were not observed to be armed and neither did their actions arouse any suspicion.

It was ascertained that these men had brought the car in question to the Westlie Motor Company, Ford Agency, prior to taking it to SKIPLES. JOHN WESTLIE of that company advised that they could not agree on the price for repairs. They left and went to SKIPLES. No description of the car was secured at the WESTLIE MOTOR COMPANY. The SKIPLES and JOHN WESTLIE are reasonably positive that the photograph and description of GIBSON does not resemble either of the parties who were with the wrecked Ford. Neither were they able to identify photographs of the other members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang.

The name of E.J. POWERS is not known to the city or telephone directory; neither can the name be located in the postal records, as well as the name of RUSSELL GIBSON, and aliases. Neither are these names, nor the photos of the BARKER-KARPIS gang known to members of the sheriff's office or the police department. The Lark Hotel is not known at the above mentioned places, nor is there any hotel or rooming house at Minot that is phonetically the same.



Re: V-50

The following memorandum is submitted by Special Agent R.N. Franko, for the period of December 12 and 13, 1934;

For reference, see letter from the Kansas City Division Office, dated December 5, 1934.

Agent checked the 1934 St. Paul and Minneapolis City Directories and found that the names of KUSIC, KUSAC, and KUSICK, do not appear at all. However, in the 1934 Minneapolis City Directory appears the name of JOHN S. CUSICK residing at 2427 Portland Avenue, and Marietta E. Cusick, residing at 4205 Elliott Avenue. The 1934 St. Paul Directory shows that there are seventeen CUSICK names, among which appears an EDWARD CUSICK (ALICE), cabinet maker, who resides at 1426 Van Buren.

Agent had PETER N. ISAAC of the Drivers' License Division, 1275 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, check his files for both St. Paul and Minneapolis and he advised that they have no driver's license issued to anyone by the name of KUSIC, KUSAC, or KUSICK. He located a driver's license application for an EDWARD VINCENT KUSICK, living at 1426 Van Buren, St. Paul, Minnesota. This application stated that he was twenty-four years old. Agent went to 1426 Van Buren and was advised by an elderly lady at that address that EDWARD KUSICK has been living there with his wife for the past two years and that he is not an attorney and is only about twenty-five years old, or so.

Agent interviewed DONALD ROGERS, secretary of the Minnesota State Bar Association, 921 Metropolitan Bank Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota, who advised that he does not recall an ED KUSIC, KUSAC, or KUSICK, being an attorney and his files do not show any information. ROGERS telephoned MR. CLAPP librarian of the Minneapolis Bar and he had no such record and did not recall any former attorney by that name.

Agent had the secretary to OSCAR HAUGLAND, secretary of the Minnesota State Board of Law Examiners, 1123 Metropolitan Life Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota, check her records and no such former attorney's name was found.

Agent interviewed MAE SHERMAN of the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court, room 250, State Capitol, St. Paul, Minnesota, who checked her records, which go back to 1858 and she could find no record of any such attorney being admitted to practice. She stated, however, that it is possible that he could have been admitted before some District Court Judge in Minnesota and then they could have no record of it.

Agent interviewed RAY HARRINGTON of the Identification Unit, Minneapolis Police Department, relative to the above four names, and his records disclose

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MR. HARRINGTON could not recall any former lawyer by the above name practicing in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Agent interviewed S. MOORE of the Identification Unit of the St. Paul Police Department, who advised that he had no records under the name of KUSIC, KUSAC, or KUSICK. However, they have criminal records of a RICHARD CUSICK, their #23620, and of a JOHN "DUTCH" CUSICK, #22489. Detective William McCallum advised agent that these two were brothers and that there also were one or two more brothers but he could not think of their first names.

Agent secured a picture of RICHARD CUSICK, which is on file in the St. Paul Division Office. He has been arrested numerous times for investigation and other small crimes. His description in 1932 was:

Name:  
Age:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Build:  
Complexion:  
Eyes:  
Hair:  
Occupation:  
Marital Status:  
Residence:  
Police Number:  
F.P.C.:

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A picture was also obtained of JOHN "DUTCH" CUSICK, which is on file in the St. Paul Division Office. His description is as follows:

Name:  
Age:  
Weight:  
Height:  
Build:  
Complexion:  
Eyes:  
Hair:  
Occupation:  
Residence:

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(DESCRIPTION OF JOHN "DUTCH" CUSICK)

Police Number: [REDACTED]  
F.P.C. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Agent made inquiry at the police department as to the names of the other brothers of JOHN and RICHARD CUSICK, but was unable to secure them so agent went to 484 Burgess Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, and without disclosing his identity, interviewed Mr. and Mrs. CUSICK, who stated that they have four sons, RICHARD, JOHN, MIKE, and TIM; that their sons were not lawyers. They advised that they have a nephew named EDWARD CUSICK, who lives in the Midway District, or in Minneapolis, but they do not know where. They stated that he is about twenty-five years old and got married some time ago, and that he is a "good-for-nothing" fellow. They stated that this is the only EDWARD CUSICK they know of and that they never heard of any CUSICK being a lawyer, and also did not know of any CUSICK having been killed.

Agent interviewed HAROLD BLOOM of the West Publishing Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, who makes law books for the entire company. He searched their records and directories and stated that they did not have any record of an attorney by the name of EDWARD KUSIC, KUSAC, or KUSICK; however, he located a record which showed that an EDWARD E. CUSICK, born in 1898, is a prosecuting attorney at Waynesville, Missouri. He also located a record which showed that an EDWARD CUSICK, born in 1892, is a practicing attorney at Tucson, Arizona, this CUSICK having been born in Oregon, Wisconsin, and graduated from the Wisconsin University.

No further investigation is being made by this agent in this matter.

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In connection with the efforts to locate RUSSELL HUSTEN alias "FLEA" HUSTEN, the St. Paul Police Authorities notified the St. Paul Office on December 11, 1934, that "FLEA" HUSTEN could probably be located visiting BENNY BINDER, local hoodlum, at the Lowry Hotel.

Investigation by Agents Franke and Duggan disclosed that HUSTEN had been at the hotel but left before agents arrived there.

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The following memorandum is submitted by Special Agent R. M. Franks:

For reference see report of Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, November 19, 1934, page 9; also see Division's letter dated November 27th, addressed to the Cincinnati office.

On December 3, 1934, agent went to 585 Oakland Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, which is one of the addresses for RUSSELL J. HUSTEN. This address is occupied by the Oakland Apartments and the caretaker's wife stated that RUSSELL HUSTEN did not live at this address but that his wife LILLIAN HUSTEN lived there with another girl; that they moved out about a year ago. She could not give any information as to the whereabouts of RUSSELL HUSTEN at the present time.

On the same date, agent telephoned Humbolt 3569, which is the home of MRS. HUSTEN, mother of RUSSELL, at 81 Winnipeg Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. Agent pretended to be a friend of RUSSELL'S and talked to both a man and a woman there who advised that they did not know where RUSSELL is at the present time and that they have not been hearing from him. They stated, however, that he is out of town and that they did not know when he would be back.

Agent also telephoned Cedar 4060 and talked to ALICE A. HUSTEN, a sister of RUSSELL. This telephone number is for Schunemans & Mannheimers Department Store where she is employed as a saleswoman. She advised over the phone that she did not know where RUSSELL is but that he is out of town. She further stated that she did not think that he would be back by Christmas.

Agent telephoned the Automobile Department at the State Capitol and was advised that on August 1, 1933, RUSSELL HUSTEN of 81 Winnipeg, St. Paul, Minnesota, purchased from the Slawik Company, a 1933 Dodge Coupe, motor No. DP-60,717, serial No. 3634641; that this car also is registered for 1934 and it bears Minnesota license B-45417; that RUSSELL HUSTEN at the time of taking out the license gave his address as 800 South 14th, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and then later on his address was changed to the Hollywood Apartments, Duluth, Minnesota. They further advised that this car was sold on August 18, 1934, to W. R. STEPHENS COMPANY, 25 South 10th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota.



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Agent interviewed F. A. WHITAKER, Vice-president of the W. R. Stephens Company, 25 South 10th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota, who located their files and advised that R. W. HUSTEN of St. Winnipeg, St. Paul, Minnesota, purchased a 1934 Buick Touring Sedan, two-door, model 58, with a built-in trunk in back, motor No. 2,902,094, serial No. 2748530, bearing Minnesota license B-495-015. Their records show that HUSTEN purchased this car on August 13, 1934, for \$1,425.00; that he turned in a 1933 Dodge Coupe and was allowed \$517.00; that he paid \$18.76 in cash and that the ZEKMAN FINANCE COMPANY of 1408 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, financed \$900.

MR. WHITAKER called into his office MIKE MILLER, the salesman who sold this car to HUSTEN. MILLER stated that on August 13th, R. J. HUSTEN came into the garage with another fellow whom he is unable to describe or identify and purchased this Buick car and had it delivered the same day. MILLER stated that the next day, August 14th, the car was brought back to the garage as the crank case was broken as HUSTEN had driven over a stump or large rock. MILLER stated that these are the only two times that he saw HUSTEN but that now and then HUSTEN'S brother, first name unknown, brings this car into their garage and has it repaired and looked over.

Agent showed MILLER a picture of RUSSELL HUSTEN and he identified same as being the one who purchased this car. MIKE MILLER stated that he was under the impression that HUSTEN was in some kind of racket and stated that the less he knows about this kind of fellows, the better off he is. MILLER appeared to agent to be holding back some information that he has.

On December 10, 1934, agent interviewed ARTHUR ZEKMAN, President of the Zekman Finance Company, 1408 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota. He stated that he once had a contract with R. J. HUSTEN on a Chevrolet car and also a Dodge contract and that HUSTEN paid both of these contracts in full. He stated that in August, he was called over to the W. R. STEPHENS MOTOR COMPANY and there financed another car which R. J. HUSTEN was purchasing. ZEKMAN stated that R. J. HUSTEN'S mother, MRS. HUSTEN of St. Winnipeg, St. Paul, Minnesota, is making the payments on this car. He stated that the only time he saw HUSTEN was at the W. R. STEPHENS COMPANY garage. ZEKMAN stated that there still is a balance of \$750 left to be paid on this car and that HUSTEN is supposed to pay \$100.00 a month. ZEKMAN also stated that he once financed a car for HUSTEN'S brother-in-law whose name is EDWARD W. FAIR.



Agent told WHITAKER, MILLER, and KEMAN to keep this investigation in confidence, which they stated they would; however, when agent checked at the Automobile Department of the State Capitol regarding this Buick car bearing Minnesota license B-495-013, he was advised that this car was transferred on December 10, 1934, by R. J. HUSTEN to MRS. ALICE HUSTEN, 51 Winnipeg Street, St. Paul, Minnesota; that this was a 1934 Buick Coupe Victoria, model 58, motor No. 2,902,094, serial No. 2748530; that this car was purchased on August 13, 1934, from the W. R. STEPHENS COMPANY of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and was in the name of R. J. HUSTEN, 1408 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.


On December 11, 1934, agent personally went to the Automobile Department, State Capitol, and there found a bill of sale dated December 10, 1934, which was signed by R. J. HUSTEN, transferring the car to MRS. ALICE HUSTEN, and which was notarized by L. L. PROVENCHER. Agent interviewed this man, who is employed in the Automobile Department, and he stated that yesterday afternoon, an elderly woman and a man came to him and that he notarized the signature. He stated that he notarizes a great number of these every day so that he could not give a description or identify the man. Agent showed him a picture of RUSSELL HUSTEN and he said that he could not say whether that was the man.

Agent compared the signature of R. J. HUSTEN which appears on the bill of sale with the signature that appears on the registration report and it is agent's opinion that the signatures are the same.

On December 11, 1934, on instructions from Acting Special Agent in Charge R. C. Coulter, agent saw MR. M. J. CULLIGAN, Chief of Police, St. Paul, Minnesota, and advised him that the St. Paul Division office is desirous of talking to RUSSELL HUSTEN. Chief CULLIGAN gave this information to Inspector CRUMLEY who advised that he would give this information only to certain of his men as he stated that HUSTEN has some very good friends in the St. Paul Police Department. Inspector CRUMLEY stated that as soon as they locate HUSTEN, they will advise the St. Paul Division office.

While at the St. Paul Police Department, agent secured a photograph of RUSSELL HUSTEN alias "Rice" and his description is as follows:

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(Description of HUSTEN continued)

A disposition sheet is being forwarded to the Division regarding the disposition of HUSTEN at the time he was arrested by the Minneapolis Police Department, their number 25682.

A picture of RUSSELL HUSTEN was obtained from the St. Paul Police Department which is on file in the St. Paul Division office.

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The following memorandum is submitted by Special Agent  
R. M. Franke:

For reference, see Division letter dated November 27, 1934,  
report of Special Agent H. D. Harris, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated December 1,  
1934, and report of Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd, St. Paul, Minne-  
sota, dated November 19, 1934.

HUSKILL J. HUSTEN understood that he was wanted by Police  
authorities, so he voluntarily appeared before M. J. Culligan, Chief of  
Police, St. Paul, Minnesota, who advised him that he was wanted by the  
United States Department of Justice. Arrangements were made whereby  
HUSTEN appeared at the St. Paul Division office on Friday morning,  
December 21, 1934, at 9:00 o'clock, and he was interviewed by Special  
Agent R. M. Franke regarding his knowledge of the KARPIS-BARKER gang.

He stated that he is engaged in the slot machine, gambling,  
and liquor business; that he operates the Moonlight Gardens on Selby  
and Avon, and also the Bear Parlor on Rice and Front Streets, both in  
St. Paul. He stated that he is in business by himself, and is not in  
partnership with BEN BINDER or anyone else; that for the last six or  
eight months, he has been out of St. Paul most of the time; that he has  
been in Chicago quite a bit, staying at the Park Lane Apartments on  
3800 Sheridan Road; that he has been living there under the name of  
W. L. JACKSON as he has had some trouble with his wife, so he uses an  
alias. He stated that he used to spend a lot of his time at the Tracks  
in Chicago, playing tips on different horses, and that while he was  
at the Tracks the past summer he met a fellow known to him as ROBERT  
BENTLEY, and not Joe Bentley, who also was supposed to be a gambler and  
bootlegger. HUSTEN stated that he and BENTLEY went to Cincinnati where  
they were to meet some fellow, name unknown to him, from New Orleans.  
HUSTEN stated that BENTLEY knew this fellow, and at this meeting was for  
the purpose of organizing a slot machine racket in Cincinnati. HUSTEN  
stated that while he was walking around in Cincinnati, someone was  
following him, and that when he met BENTLEY on a street corner, as pre-  
arranged, several officers arrested him; that the officers had with  
them a Jewish fellow who pulled a picture out of his pocket, thinking  
HUSTEN was wanted for some crime in Detroit. HUSTEN stated that he only  
stayed at Cincinnati one evening; that he stayed at the Netherland Plaza,  
which is located in the business district; that he stayed there under  
the name of CLARK. HUSTEN stated that while he and BENTLEY were in jail,  
he asked the Police Department to get them a lawyer and that they sent  
him, for his use, a lawyer who got them out of jail; that both he and  
BENTLEY had to pay this attorney \$100; that he didn't know that a bond



was posted and that he had forfeited the bond, as he stated that he was advised by his attorney that everything was alright. He stated that he used the name of R. J. CLARK as he did not want it to get in any of the newspapers that he was arrested, as he stated that his mother is quite old and he doesn't want her to know about it.

HUSTEN stated that he does not know DOC or FRED BARKER, or ALVIN KARPIS. He stated that he has seen their pictures in the newspapers on several occasions; that it is not a fact that he knows them personally.

He stated that LOUIS PARCHALL is his wife's uncle, and that he lives out at Prior Lake, Minnesota. He stated that he never was arrested with PARCHALL and that he never had anything to do with him at all; that he hasn't seen PARCHALL for the past three years or so.

HUSTEN stated that HARRY SAWYER was a good business friend of his, as SAWYER used to buy his liquor from him. HUSTEN stated that the last time he had any business dealings with SAWYER was after May, 1933, as at that time he was arrested by the Post Office Department for investigation of a burglary, and that he was released by the United States Commissioner at St. Paul, Minnesota, as they didn't have any evidence on him at that time, as it was a case of mistaken identity. He stated that he was arrested because of the fact that he hung around HARRY SAWYER's place on Wabasha Street, as at that time TOMMY CARROLL and several other fellows were arrested for postoffice burglaries and because of the fact that he fitted a description of a man whom the Police were looking for, he was arrested also. HUSTEN stated that off and on for two previous years to May, 1933, SAWYER would buy liquor from him. He stated that he also knows GLADYS SAWYER, wife of HARRY, and that the last time he saw her was about in May, 1933. HUSTEN stated that he never heard of the name of PAULA HARMON or WYNONA BURDETTE.

Pictures of the KARPIS-BARKER gang were exhibited to HUSTEN and he stated that the only one that he knew was HARRY SAWYER and his wife, GLADYS SAWYER.

HUSTEN stated that he used to see TOMMY CARROLL in HARRY SAWYER's place quite a bit, and also used to see CLARENCE COLTON and his brother, ALBERT DE VOL. He also stated that he knows PAT RILEY very well, knowing him most of his life; that he has heard of JACK PHEIFFER, but does not know him personally; that he knows TOM FILBIN slightly, as FILBIN is supposed to be in the same business as he is. He stated that he does not know TOMMY GANNON or OLARA, nor does he know DOLORES DELANEY or MARGARET KEATING.



He stated that a few days before he was arrested in Cincinnati, he purchased a Buick car in Minneapolis; that this car was bought for the use of his mother and brother, as he stated his mother is old and the car was purchased so that she can enjoy herself; that he is supposed to pay \$160 a month on the car, and that he pays most of it to his mother, who in turn pays the finance company.

HUSTEN stated that he has five brothers, John, Paul and James, who live at 81 Winnipeg, and a brother, Reynold who lives out of town some where. He also has two sisters, Marie Afar, who lives at 178 North Avon, telephone, Dale 8338, and a sister, Alice Husten who lives at 81 Winnipeg.

HUSTEN stated that if we desired to talk to him, we should call and get in touch with him at either of the above addresses.

He stated that if he ever runs across HARRY SAWYER that he will report it to a Division office or proper Police officials, but stated that he hoped that he never does on account of the unpleasant relations which might result.

On November 8, 1934, ANNA C. DALLAIRE, postmaster, at Ah-gwah-ching, Minnesota, notified the St. Paul Division Office, that she had in her possession a \$10.00 Federal Reserve note, serial #104781023A, drawn on the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota. The above serial is listed in the list of bank notes paid as ransom in this case.

In connection with the above, Special Agent S. L. Fortenberry made the following investigation: (Under date of December 15, 1934)

MRS. ANNA C. DALLAIRE, postmaster, Ah-gwah-ching, Minnesota, was contacted by this agent and exhibited the note which she still has in her possession and the number was verified as being the one mentioned above. She was unable to give any information as to the possible passer of this note; however, she advised that she was sure that she received it only a few days prior to November 8, as that was the date she noticed it, and that she never held money very long, and it was either that day or a few days prior to that time. She further advised that she was sure that the money was paid for a money order, otherwise, if it had been for the purchase of stamps she would have recalled the person passing that large a bill in the purchase of stamps in such a small place. This Agent, with MRS. DALLAIRE, examined the applications for money orders for November 8, 1934, and several days prior thereto, but was unable to find anyone other than employees of the State Hospital there that had made purchases. It was the opinion of MRS. DALLAIRE that the note had been received by some of the employees from the bank at Walker, Minnesota, when their checks were cashed, as she was personally acquainted with all the



ones that had purchased money orders in that immediate period, and was sure that none of them would intentionally pass the money. She also advised that the patients sometimes received money and purchased money orders with it, but there was not any making purchases in that period.

MRS. DALAIRE stated that she now kept track of all bills passing through the office with the ones name that passed them to the office, and should she happen to find another she would know exactly who passed the money and would immediately notify the St. Paul Division Office.

At one time, it was believed that JOHN HAMMOND, with aliases, subject of St. Paul File No. 26-2328, was identical with CHARLES J. FITZGERALD, with aliases, who is sought in connection with this case. At that time, the fingerprints of HAMMOND were forwarded to the Division and the fact was established that HAMMOND is not FITZGERALD.

On November 19, 1934, the Detroit Office, in a letter to the Chicago Office referred to the Chevrolet automobile with serial #1D0749257, motor #4543656. This car apparently has had a connection with HARRY CAMPBELL and WYONA BURDETTE. An owner's service policy was found in the abandoned apartment occupied by them. Reference is also made to a Ford 1934 De Luxe Sedan, motor #899365. Request was made that the State License Bureau in the territory of the St. Paul Division Office be contacted and the records searched and STOP card placed for 1934 and 1935.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R.N. Franke on December 13, 1934:

For reference, see letter from the Detroit Office to the Chicago Office, dated November 19, 1934, serial #4558, St. Paul File.

On December 13, 1934, agent had Miss Eleanor Arrend of the Motor Vehicle Department, State Capitol, St. Paul, Minnesota, search their records to see if they had anything in their files relative to a 1934 De Luxe Ford V-8 Sedan, motor #899365, or if they had anything relative to a Chevrolet Sedan, motor #4543656. She advised agent that they do not have any record relative to these two motor numbers.

At agent's request, Mrs. Stoven, also of the Motor Vehicle Department, stated that she would have placed in their 1934 and 1935 files STOP cards relative to these two automobiles, bearing the above motor numbers, and that if these cars are registered in the State of Minnesota, they will notify the St. Paul Division Office at once.

The motor vehicle bureaus of South Dakota, Wisconsin, and North Dakota, were contacted by mail and STOP cards placed. No record was found of either of the above automobiles in Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, or S.D. 30



Re: St. Paul File No. 7-39

On December 13 and 14, 1934, the following investigation was made at Duluth, Minnesota, by Special Agent John V. Anderson:

With reference to the report of Special Agent M.C. Spear, Kansas City, Missouri, dated December 4, 1934, agent consulted the 1934 Duluth City Directory but no one was listed as living at 1814 Piedmont Avenue, Duluth, Minnesota, the alleged hideout for the BARKERS and KARPIS. There was no 1933 City Directory at Duluth, but the 1932 City Directory disclosed that R.C. WISTROM, barber, and his wife, MARY WISTROM, as well as HENRY LISAKER, resided at 1814 Piedmont Avenue in 1932. It was ascertained from the City Directory that HENRY LISAKER, was employed by GUS HJELM, grocery, 1819 Piedmont Avenue, Duluth.

Agent interviewed LISAKER and he advised that up to about a year ago he had lived at 1814 Piedmont Avenue, Duluth, Minnesota, with his mother in a downstairs flat; that R.C. WISTROM had operated the barber shop at this address and had lived upstairs. In March, 1933, R.C. WISTROM moved to a farm in the Woodland District, which is a suburb of Duluth. He advised that WISTROM had lived at 1814 Piedmont Avenue, for three or four winters. He advised that WISTROM had been married three times; that his first wife had died and that four and five years ago WISTROM married a second woman, whom he does not know; that WISTROM divorced her; that there was something peculiar about their relations; that he could not quite figure the matter out; that he now is married to another woman, who is very religious. He advised that both WISTROM and his present wife are religious people and, as far as he knows, bears a good reputation. Agent exhibited the group photographs of VOLNEY DAVIS, FRED BARKER, ALVIN KARPIS, ARTHUR R. BARKER, HARRY CAMPBELL, JOSEPH P. MORAN, WILLIAM WEAVER, RUSSELL GIBSON, JESS DOYLE, HARRY SAWYER, C.J. FITZGERALD, MYRTLE EATON, EDNA MURRAY, BORIS O'CONNOR, and KATE BARKER, to LISAKER and he advised he has no recollection of having seen anyone who resembles anyone of these individuals at this address. It will be noted here that the store where LISAKER is employed, is located at 1810 Piedmont Avenue, which is next door to the 1814 Piedmont Avenue North, the place in question. The premises at 1814 Piedmont Avenue are vacant.

Agent ascertained, through the Superintendent of mails office, post office, that the last known address of R.C. WISTROM was Route 4, Box 485, Duluth, Minnesota. Agent proceeded to this address and interviewed a JENNIE WISTROM, who advised that on May 5, 1934, R.C. WISTROM, and his wife, moved to Big Fork, Minnesota. She advised that she knows very little about WISTROM and his wife, except that they were financially embarrassed and were living at the place where she now resides, gratis.

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On December 24, 1934, the Chicago Office, in a letter to the Division regarding OPAL LONG and PATRICIA CHERINGTON, requested that OPAL LONG be interviewed regarding the alleged death of JOHN HAMILTON. Acting Special Agent in Charge R.C. Coulter reports to this agent that OPAL LONG is no longer in the territory of the St. Paul Office but is believed to have returned to Chicago and her location known to that office.

Special Agent John E. Brennan has maintained contact with certain informants in St. Paul in order to secure some information as to the whereabouts of HARRY SAWYER and others in this case.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

January 4, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

4:00 P.M.

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Baughman	_____
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Mr. Egan	_____
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Mr. Tracy	_____

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Mr. Alt called in connection with the Bremer case to advise that information had come to a Deputy Marshal in Tampa from a girl employed at the Knox Hotel in Tampa, a disreputable hotel, that a Mrs. Arthur Radke has been there for two or three weeks with her husband, Arthur Radke, who somewhat resembles Doris O'Connor. Arthur Radke stays in his room all day and only comes out at night. There is another member of the party named Cooper with whom Mrs. Radke associates. They have a Pontiac sedan, maroon in color, with 1934 California tags 2H66-39. I suggested he send a wire to California to check on the license plates, and requested that Mrs. Radke and her associates be carefully checked to ascertain whether she is, in fact, Doris O'Connor.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Post Office Box 21112  
Detroit, Michigan  
January 6, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
San Antonio, Texas

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1212;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. #1215;  
MR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232;  
ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

For your information, when Jimmie Wilson was being questioned at the Chicago Office relative to contacts of the Barker-Karpis gang at Toledo, Ohio, he stated that Arthur R. Barker, while in Toledo during the spring and early summer of 1934 on a few occasions at least, went out with "Marie", the cook at the Casino Club in Toledo, where members of the gang frequented, which is operated by Ted and Bert Angus, known contacts of the gang. "Marie" has since been identified as Marie Borley, Marie Girard (which is her maiden name) and Marie Henderson (she having been married to an individual by the name of Henderson and also a man by the name of Borley).

On December 17, 1934, according to information obtained from [redacted] "Marie" obtained a divorce from Borley and on that date left Toledo, Ohio with a purported hoodlum, whose given name was "Tommy". The identity of this individual has never been established, but in view of her former connections with Arthur R. Barker, it is thought possible that the hoodlum she is with might be a member of the gang but investigation to date would indicate that if she is, it would not be Arthur R. Barker, as his paramour is apparently Mildred Kuhlman, who is discussed in report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan dated December 21, 1934.

On January 2, 1935, [redacted] advised that he had been successful in securing from [redacted] that Marie had been married to the individual known as Tommy on Christmas Eve at Austin, Texas where they are residing; that Tommy is one of three brothers who reside in Austin, Texas in houses on the same street adjacent to one another and that one of the brothers operates a night club or tavern in Austin, Texas.

It is requested that appropriate investigation be conducted at Austin, Texas to determine the identity of the man Marie is with to ascertain whether he may be a member of this gang and if identified as a member of this gang, appropriate steps should be taken to cause his ap-

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prehension.

For your information, the following is a description of  
Marie Borley alias Marie Girard alias Marie Henderson.

Age - About 38 years

Height - 5' 1 or 2"

Weight - 140 lbs.

Build - Plump

Complexion - Dark

Hair - Black

Eyes - Blue

Build - Stout

Very modest dresser

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

DEH:MKR

cc - Division  
Mr. Connelley, Chicago  
St. Paul



# STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minnesota**

FILE NO. **7-2 CT**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Nashville, Tennessee</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>1-4-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>11-12, 17-34 12-1, 4, 5, 13-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>Robert Chambers</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. 1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-Victim,</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>43528 KIDNAPPING</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Records of police departments at Nashville, Memphis, Chattanooga, and Knoxville, Tenn., disclose that no members of the Barker-Karpis gang are wanted by them; and that there is no information on file regarding previous arrests or associates. Appropriate wanted notices placed with these police departments. Investigation at Chattanooga reveals no information regarding whereabouts of G. F. Fitzgerald.

## REFERENCE:

Division letter dated October 13, 1934.  
Report of Special Agent J. D. Reynolds, dated November 16, 1934 at Birmingham, Alabama.



## DETAILS:

At Nashville, Tennessee

The following investigation was conducted at Nashville, Tennessee by Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons:

Reference is made to the letter from the Director, dated October 13, 1934, with which was transmitted temporary wanted notices reflecting the fingerprints and photographs of individuals who are being sought by the Division for questioning in connection with the above entitled case.

Please be advised that on November 12, 1934, agent called on Joe Dixon, Bureau of Identification, Nashville Police Department in connection therewith. Mr. Dixon searched his files, but could find no record of an arrest by the Nashville police of any of the individuals in question.

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A set of wanted notices was left with Joe Dixon and he has placed them on his "wanted list" which he checks against all arrests. Mr. Dixon will immediately notify the Nashville office in the event he receives any information concerning the whereabouts of the individuals who are being sought.

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

The following investigation was conducted at Memphis, Tennessee, by Special Agent Louis DeMatte:

Referring to Division letter dated October 13, 1934, agent advises that following receipt of the instruction to call on the Identification Bureau of the Memphis Police department, interviewed Inspector E. A. Parker, in charge of the Identification Bureau, and left with him the several photographs with request that he have his records searched to ascertain what, if any record he might have of these persons. Inspector Parker has advised agent that search of his records revealed the following:

None of the listed persons are now wanted by the Memphis police; however, notation was made of the fact that they are wanted by the Division of Investigation, and Inspector Parker stated he will personally observe fingerprints coming in and if any one of them, taken by him or his assistants, show the subject to be one of those wanted he will immediately notify the Nashville Division office.

On Fred Barker, Division No. 59165, Inspector Parker had a reader out of West Plains, Mo., issued for the murder of Sheriff Kelly on December 19, 1931. This is a combined reader for Barker and Karpis, and shows Karpis to be an ex-convict out of Hutchinson, Kansas, in 1926 as No. 7071; also of the State Penitentiary of Kansas, at Lansing, Kansas, in May, 1930, for burglary. This reader shows that Barker did time at the state penitentiary at Granite, Oklahoma, in 1925 for robbery, and also at the state penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, in 1927, crime not shown; also that he was arrested at Little Rock, Arkansas, on May 28, 1926, under the name of Fred Barker, alias F. B. Lang Little Rock, P. D. #3575. The charge was as fugitive from justice, and this arrest apparently led to his extradition to Kansas, where he served the term at Hutchinson.

Inspector Parker has rather an extended record concerning Charles J. Fitzgerald, not named in the Division letter, but whose photograph was included with those sent to agent. Inspector Parker advised that Fitzgerald's record is already in possession of the Division, and agent therefore did not copy this record.



The records on Barker and Karpis did not contain any data reflecting whom their friends or associates might be.

Inspector Parker stated he has on file the office telephone number of the Nashville Division office, and will communicate promptly if he obtains any information concerning any of the listed persons.

AT KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent H. M. Woods:

At the Knoxville Police Department, Raymond Siler, of the Identification Bureau, searched his records and stated that none of the individuals mentioned in the Division letter under reference was wanted by the local police; and that no records appear in the files showing previous arrests, associates, or other information which might be helpful in locating these individuals.

Copies of the temporary wanted notices and Identification Orders relative to them were left with the police, in accordance with instructions in the reference letter.

AT CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE.

The following investigation was conducted by Agent Chambers:

Detective Sergeant J. E. Dorsey, in charge of the records of the Chattanooga Police Department, stated, after a search of his files, that none of the members of the Barker-Karpis gang, listed in the Division letter under reference, was wanted by the local police; and that the files contain no record of any previous arrests of these persons, or any other information about them. Sergeant Dorsey recalled, however, that Charles J. Fitzgerald had been arrested at Chattanooga a number of years ago, before the present filing system was begun. This lead was covered and reported in the report of Special Agent D. E. Wells, dated October 16, 1934, at Nashville, Tennessee, in the case entitled Vernon G. Miller, with aliases, (deceased) et al - Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoners; and no information of value regarding the whereabouts of Fitzgerald was obtained.

Copies of the temporary wanted notices and Identification Orders regarding the persons in question were left with Sergeant Dorsey.



Detective Q. D. Griffin stated that he had no personal knowledge of Charles J. Fitzgerald, and could furnish no information of value about him.

Agent found the premises at 619 Walnut Street to be an office building, used at present only for the offices of Squire H. F. Lawrence. In the absence of the squire, his clerk, Mr. E. D. Murphy, stated that they had occupied the building only during the last year or two; that it had never been used for residential purposes; that it belonged to the Elks Club, who had bought it from the Title Guaranty and Trust Company. Mr. Murphy had no recollection of Fitzgerald or his sister, Jessie Fitzgerald.

Michael O'Grady, Secretary of the Elks Club, stated that his organization did not purchase the property at 619 Walnut Street until about 1920; however, he recalled that the Title Guaranty and Trust Company, who occupied it in 1914, had rented out offices to several attorneys. He stated that Senator J. B. Frazier, Judge Martin Fleming and Carl Abernathy had offices there. Mr. O'Grady did not remember Fitzgerald or his sister.

W. Sherman Beck, an official of the Title Guaranty and Trust Company, 617 Walnut, stated that his company had occupied 619 Walnut in 1914, and to the best of his recollection, did not rent out any offices at that time. Mr. Beck said that he was in constant touch with the personnel of the company in 1914, and was certain that neither Fitzgerald nor his sister had been employed there. He had no knowledge of the Fitzgeralds.

It should be noted that C. C. Abernathy, (deceased) Attorney at Law, who formerly maintained offices at 619 Walnut Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee, very probably represented Fitzgerald as attorney, (see report Special Agent Louis DeNette, dated August 20, 1934, at Nashville, Tennessee, paragraph 5 on page 3), which explains the giving of the above address by the Fitzgeralds.

P E N D I N G

January 5, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of December 17, 1934, transmitting three papers in connection with the sale and registration of Ford sedan, Motor #009308, in the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al, Edward G. Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

No latent fingerprints of value could be developed on the certificate of registration, #85952, Ohio, 1934. On the bill of sale from the Jess J. Ellis Motor Sales Company, Toledo Ohio, to E. J. Powell, 1512 1/2 Adams Street, Toledo, there appeared two latent impressions, and three additional latent prints were developed on the bill of sale from E. J. Powell dated October 10, 1934, to the Finance Outlet Company, Kansas City, Missouri.

The five latent fingerprints developed on these articles have been compared with the fingerprints of the following individuals without effecting an identification:

Lester M. Gillis, deceased  
Alvin Karpis, I.O. #1218  
Volney Davis, our #400441  
Arthur Barker, I.O. #1219  
Fred Barker, our #56135  
Harry Sawyer, our #411338  
Bernard Phillips, I.O. #1196  
Mrs. Jack Sawyer, our #454350  
Marjorie Keating, our #321111  
Paula Harmon, our #108880  
Myrtle Eaton, our #337474  
Chas. J. Fitzgerald, our #95780

John Hamilton, I.O. #1220  
Jess Doyle, our #00402  
William Weaver, our #17920  
Harry Campbell, our #419846  
Charles P. Clouse, our #183786  
Clyde Kimerick, our #77061  
Mrs. Dora Prester, #1953 PD Kansas  
City, Kans.  
Bertha Engler, our #22181  
Russell Gibson, our #57485  
Dr. Joseph P. Moran, S.M. #1232

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Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

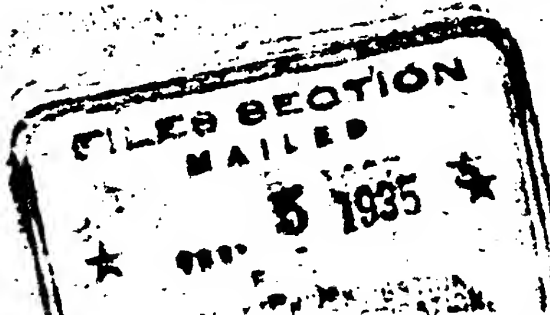
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January 4, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Keith.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Schilder.....
Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....

EAT:CSH

Mr. Connelley called in connection with the Bremer case relative to the car which was observed at 641 Oakdale Street. He stated that on December 22nd Mildred Guleman, Doc Barker's paramour, went into that address and while there a Ford V-8, black coach, drove up with Illinois tags 1266231; that while there was nothing to show that she got out of the car, while Suran was calling in the car left and they did not get a chance to see whether she got back in the car; that the car had again been observed today with an individual in it who possibly was Willie Harrison and possibly Doc Barker; that they were contacted by a Dodge car with 1935 Illinois tags 118532, which passed them on the street and the occupants of the two cars spoke to each other. The other car was checked to 3912 Pine Grove Avenue, in the immediate vicinity in which the woman has gone. Since that time two women have showed up at that place in a Ford V-8 sedan with Iowa 1935 tags 111193 and they took all their baggage into the place; that of course they could not tell whether these women went into the same apartment, as there are four apartments to that entrance. Mr. Connelley stated that they are checking these addresses very carefully.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL**

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>KANSAS CITY, MO.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>1-4-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>12-18-34 to 1-2-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>R. P. SHANAHAN</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218 ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219 RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. #1215 DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>Edward George Bremer - Victim</b> Circumstances surrounding the arrest of Martha Murray, who is identical with Edna Murray, on 12-14-34 at Joplin, Missouri, set out. Investigation regarding Rex Reiser, alias Melvin Stofor, former associate of Doris O'Connor, to be conducted. H. O. Stanley, brother of Edna Murray, now residing at 205 East Adams Street, Pittsburg, Kansas; mail cover at Kansas City, Missouri, being conducted for possible appearance of Stanley Davis there and at Belton, Missouri. All communications addressed to relatives of Davis and George E. Barker being covered at Neosho, and Joplin, Missouri, respectively. Reports of Russell Gibson's presence in Kansas City apparently unfounded. Movements of Fisher family followed by Division Agents, also activities of friends of Mildred Kuhlman, reported to be visiting at Leona, Kansas. Ford V-8 Coach, motor #1130843, Ford V-8 Coupe, motor #113463, and 1933 Model Pontiac Coach, motor #935155, not registered in State of Missouri. Requests made of Motor Vehicle Department, State of Kansas. Reports of "Doc" Barker in Kansas City during Christmas holidays apparently erroneous. Further inquiries relative to "Doc" Barker and Doris O'Connor at Kansas City, Missouri, and Hill City, Kansas, respectively, unproductive.			
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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent M. G. Spahr, Kansas City,  
12-19-34.

DETAILS:

In connection with Division letters dated 10-15-34 and 10-25-34, with which were transmitted temporary wanted notices reflecting the fingerprints and photographs of individuals who are being sought by the Division for questioning in connection with the above entitled case, further inquiries have been made at the Police Department of Joplin, Missouri, in regard to the arrest on 12-14-34 of Martha Murray, Joplin Police Department #2710. This investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. B. O'Mahoney of the Kansas City Division office, who was advised that on the prior date Martha Murray, who is identical with Edna Murray, the woman companion of Volney Davis, was arrested in company with two men on a vagrancy charge and was released on parole. The inquiry conducted by Agent O'Mahoney was to ascertain the identity of the two men who were arrested at that time with her. From the records of the Joplin Police Department it was learned that one Jack Murray, who claimed to be the husband of Martha Murray, was arrested with her, the date of arrest being given as 12-14-34 and the latter having Joplin Police Department number of 2708. On 5-18-25 he received a sentence of one year for possession of liquor. Murray made bond and later on 10-1-25 was sentenced at Kansas City to serve a term of twenty-five years in the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, for robbery. It will be recalled that Edna Murray was also sentenced at that time on the same charge, was subsequently incarcerated at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, from which she escaped on three different occasions and is still at large. The other party arrested with her in Joplin was one Edward G. Graham, alias Edward B. Graham, alias Bill Burns, alias Edward Brophay, alias Edward Sucoy, Joplin Police Department #2709, date of arrest being 12-13-34, when he was held for investigation. A full physical description of Graham was obtained from the Police Department at Joplin and is being kept on file in the Kansas City Division office.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. M. McGrath, dated at New Orleans, 12-20-34, in which is set out the facts obtained from the Identification Bureau of the New Orleans Police Department relative to Doris O'Connor, who is wanted for questioning in the instant case. Among the associates of the latter the above mentioned report states that one Melvin Stofor, alias Rex Reiser, was apprehended along with Doris O'Connor in New Orleans on 8-3-23. Both Doris O'Connor and Reiser were released from the Parish Prison, New Orleans, on 8-13-23. It should be noted that Reiser is also the subject of Kansas City file 31-1862, Rex Reiser, alias Charles Reiser, Mrs. Elizabeth Allen - Victim, White Slave Traffic Act. A review of the latter file discloses that a complaint charging a conspiracy to violate the White Slave Traffic Act was filed against Reiser and Victim, Mrs. Elizabeth Allen, on 5-26-31 at Kansas City, Missouri.



This matter was presented to the grand jury, Kansas City, Missouri, 11-4-34, but was not billed. The file further reflects that at the time of Reisman's apprehension he was located at the premises of his father, J. M. Reisman, 2412 Elmwood Street, Kansas City, Missouri. These facts are being set out at this time so that an investigation might be conducted looking to the present whereabouts of Reisman so that, if possible, information regarding the present location of Doris O'Connor might be obtained. The address indicated above, namely 2412 Elmwood Street, Kansas City, Missouri, is now vacant and the file in the Kansas City Division office reflects no further information pertaining to any former address of Reisman other than the one given above. For this reason it is suggested that the New Orleans office review their file 31-1245 for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not Reisman can be located at any addresses in that district. Further investigation along these lines will also be conducted by the Kansas City Division office as soon as possible.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 11-17-34, on pages four and five, in which is set out recent surveillance conducted over the activities of Harry C. Stanley, who is the brother of Edna Murray, in the vicinity of Pittsburg, Kansas. As a result of further inquiries made in Pittsburg by Special Agent E. B. O'Mahoney it has been learned that Harry Stanley has recently arrived and engaged a furnished house located at 206 East Adams Street, Pittsburg, Kansas. Investigation through the Post Office where R. Mangrum, Postmaster, and John Waggoner, who delivers mail at 206 East Adams Street, were contacted, developed information that one J. D. Miller, who operates a taxicab at Pittsburg, Kansas, owns the above premises, bears a good reputation and could be relied upon to furnish information. The latter was contacted and stated that on 12-16-34 Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stanley engaged the residence at the above address and paid the rent up to the first of the year. From the conversation had with Stanley, Miller stated that he thought they intended to remain there until the spring. Miller further advised that on Sunday, 12-23-34, a young man and a girl had driven a new car, the make of which he did not know, into the garage used by Harry Stanley for his Buick; that after placing the car in the garage the young man and the girl locked the garage door and left with the Stanleys in their car. This occurred shortly after noon. Along about five or six o'clock the same afternoon all four parties returned and the young couple took the car from the garage. Miller stated that he paid no particular attention to the matter but in his opinion the car had been placed in the garage with the idea of keeping it out of sight. Miller also stated that on Tuesday or Wednesday after 12-16-34 when the Stanleys rented the house at 206 East Adams Street, a letter and a package were delivered there addressed to Mr. Naverre (phonetic). Stanley brought both the package and letter over to Miller's house and asked whether or not he knew the party to whom it was addressed. Both Mr. and Mrs. Miller stated that as far as they could remember the package and the letter bore no return address but they were under the impression they both had



been mailed either at Independence, Kansas, or Wichita, Kansas. Miller took both the package and the letter to the Post Office which were evidently later returned to Wichita.

Miller is in the taxi business at Pittsburg and uses his residence, 202 East Adams Street, as his office consequently during the greater part of the day while he is not out on a taxi run he is present at home and is in a good position to observe any activity which occurs at 206 East Adams Street. Arrangements were made with him that in the event any stranger appeared at the Stanley residence the Kansas City Division office would be immediately notified. He was likewise furnished with a photograph of Volney Davis and also of Edna Murray in order that he might make a comparison with any strangers that might appear at the above address. Cooperation in this investigation will still be had from the Pittsburg Police Department where Chief of Police Ross Armstrong and Thomas Stowers are very willing to be of assistance. Attention is called at this point to Division letter dated 11-7-34 to the Kansas City Division office suggesting that the two different photographs of Volney Davis be shown to persons who are acquainted with him in order to determine which one more closely resembles him. With this thought in mind a memorandum was prepared by the writer suggesting that the photographs be exhibited to W. H. Boyce, R.F.D. #2, Pittsburg, Kansas, who is the father-in-law of Harry Stanley. However, in light of the recent developments in Pittsburg it is not deemed advisable at this time to pursue this course. Subsequently this may be done if it can be ascertained that Boyce is a reliable type and would not harbor Davis or any of the other Subjects in this case. It will be recalled by referring to the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, Kansas City, 11-17-34, that W. H. Boyce owns the premises on R.F.D. #3 at Pittsburg, Kansas, where a surveillance was conducted during the month of November looking to the detection and apprehension of Volney Davis. The above information, namely that Harry Stanley is presently residing at 206 East Adams Street, Pittsburg, Kansas, was communicated to Mr. E. J. Connelley in Chicago by telephone on 12-24-34.

Information was subsequently received from Thomas Stowers, above indicated of the Pittsburg Police Department, that the 1934 Pontiac Sedan bearing Missouri registration #585254 had been seen in the vicinity of the Stanley residence. It is recalled at this point that Subject Davis is reported to be operating such an automobile. Upon receipt of this information inquiry was made of the Secretary of State's office at Jefferson City, Missouri, which office informed that the above registration was issued to Bruce R. Hansen, Box 108, Belton, Missouri, for 1934 Pontiac Sedan, motor #1058715, Missouri title indicating that this car was purchased on 10-11-34 from the Noel V. Wood Motor Company, Inc., 24th and Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.



G. R. Douglas, sales manager of the above company, upon being interviewed on 12-31-34 by Special Agent W. A. O'Mahoney and the writer, stated that the instant car was purchased by a woman on 10-11-34 and that she paid \$886.90 in cash. At the time of the purchase of this automobile the woman stated that she was buying the car while her "boy friend was flushed." The salesman who closed the deal, Mr. Lohmeyer, was also contacted but was unable to identify either the picture of Edna Murray or Doris O'Connor as the woman with whom he had done business. Photographs of all Subjects connected with this case were exhibited to both Mr. Douglas and Mr. Lohmeyer with the same result. Since the date of the purchase of the car the latter had been serviced by the Noel V. Wood Motor Company on the following dates:

11-3-34	mileage	6,803
11-12-34	mileage	7,011
12-17-34	mileage	12,240
12-22-34	mileage	15,124

Further inquiries were immediately made by the same Agents at Belton, Missouri, which is located approximately fifteen miles south of Kansas City, Missouri, on highway #71. J. O. Gochnauer, Postmaster, stated that a party giving the name of G. R. Hansen had rented box 102 for the last quarter of 1934. As well as he could recall only one or two letters, other than letters received from the Secretary of State's office, Jefferson City, Missouri, had been in the box. He further explained that the lease on the post office box expired as of 12-31-34. It was also ascertained that the same party who rented box 102 at Belton, Missouri, had also secured a Belton city automobile license. H. H. Thompson, City Marshal, offered this information, stating that G. R. Hansen had made application on 11-11-34 and had received city license 164 which expires 2-15-35. At the time of procuring the same Hansen stated that he was living just within the city limits of Belton and was anxious to obtain a license because of the many times he had been stopped in Kansas City, Missouri, by traffic officers. Numerous inquiries were made in Belton but Agents were unable to locate any person by the name of G. R. Hansen or Grace R. Hansen. From the extended travel evidenced by the mileages of this Pontiac Sedan when it was being serviced by the motor company in Kansas City, Missouri, together with other mysterious movements of the party known as Hansen in and around Belton, Missouri, indicate that further investigation along these lines be considered. With this in mind both the Postmaster and City Marshal, as well as the officials of the Noel V. Wood Motor Company, were requested to immediately notify this office if either party put in an appearance in the future. All parties so requested expressed their willingness to supply this office with such information. It should be noted that photographs of the individuals being investigated in this case were also shown to H. H. Thompson, City Marshal, Belton, Missouri, and while his identification was not definite, he indicated that the photograph of Volney



Davis as contained in a strip of photographs furnished by the Division to all offices, resembling the person known to him as G. E. Hansen.

With reference to memorandums of Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan and Special Agent M. E. Spear dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 11-10-34 and 11-30-34, respectively, in which is contained information offered by T. W. Shearin, former Sheriff at Neosho, Missouri, to the effect that the latter had observed an individual talking to one of the proprietors at the Tri-State Filling Station in Joplin, Missouri, heretofore mentioned in this case, who greatly resembled Fred Barker. It was subsequently ascertained, as is set out in the second memorandum indicated, that the true name of this individual thought to be Barker was a Dr. Couhrane, a dentist with offices in the Elk's Building, Webb City, Missouri, and residing at 903 South Madison Street, Webb City, Missouri. In this connection Shearin also remarked that George Barker, the father of "Doc" and Fred Barker, during the few weeks previous was seen to go out on highway #37 considerably which is east of Joplin, Missouri, and that he thought it possible that Barker might be receiving mail at some point other than Joplin, Missouri, inasmuch as he was no longer receiving any mail at the Peoples Oil Company, which is at the same location as the Tri-State Filling Station mentioned above. Pursuant to this information contact was had with the Postmasters at Webb City, Missouri, and Cartersville, Missouri, so that a check can be maintained on any communications addressed to George E. Barker at either of these places. The mail cover at Joplin, Missouri, on George E. Barker, as well as at Neosho, Missouri, on relatives of Volney Davis, is being continued. Likewise arrangements have been made with the Post Office, American Railway Express and Western Union at Joplin, Missouri, to watch for any communications addressed to the relatives of Subject Volney Davis who reside in the vicinity of Neosho. Arrangements were also made with the authorities of the Western Union, Post Office and Railway Express Agency at Joplin, Missouri, to furnish the Kansas City office with information regarding any communications transmitted to George E. Barker in care of the Tri-State Oil Company filling station at Joplin, Missouri.

On 12-21-34 Special Agent R. D. Brown of the Chicago office called by telephone to advise that Mrs. Mabel Guymon, sister of Clara Gibson, who is the wife of Subject Russell Gibson, was leaving Chicago at 10:35 P.M., 12-21-34 on a Santa Fe excursion train scheduled to arrive at Kansas City, Missouri, at 9:25 A.M., 12-22-34, and that she was accompanied by her brother Frank Fisher and a cousin Pauline.

Agents R. P. Shanahan and A. R. Miller met the Santa Fe train on 12-22-34 and observed the arrival of Frank Fisher, Mrs. Mabel Guymon and Pauline. These people got into a Yellow Cab and drove to 217 West 11th Street



where Pauline got out. The cab then proceeded to the Fisher residence at 502 Myrtle Street, Kansas City, Missouri. It was suggested by Agent Brown that some surveillance be kept on the premises at 502 Myrtle and on the evening of Saturday, 12-22-34, Agent A. R. Miller parked his car from about 4:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. at a suitable spot to observe this residence, but noted nothing of importance. This place was further observed from 7:50 P.M. until 9:15 P.M. on the same evening with no results.

On Sunday, 12-23-34, Special Agent in Charge R. E. Nathan and Agent A. R. Miller drove by the Fisher residence at 502 Myrtle and there observed a 1934 Chevrolet Coupe bearing 1934 Ohio license plates #463-169. A further surveillance was maintained for a portion of the evening of Sunday, 12-23-34, by Agent A. R. Miller.

On Monday, 12-24-34, Special Agents A. R. Miller and E. C. Reed interviewed J. E. Fisher, who is employed in a garage at the American Can Company, North Kansas City, Missouri. Fisher, who has previously been interviewed by Agents of this office, stated that he had heard nothing concerning Russell Gibson and volunteered the information that his son Frank and daughter Mabel were visiting over the holidays at their home, 502 Myrtle and that he had not heard them say anything about Russell Gibson or their sister Clara up to that time. He again indicated his distinct dislike for Russell Gibson.

On 12-25-34 a wire was sent to the Cincinnati Division office inquiring the ownership of license #463-169. The Cincinnati Division office replied on 12-24-34 indicating that this license number was issued 8-13-34 to Laura Verier, who presently resides at Kansas City, Missouri, and is employed by the Emergency Feed Office, United States Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Exchange Building, Kansas City, Missouri.

Agent A. R. Miller on 12-27-34 interviewed Miss Laura Verier at the Live Stock Exchange Building, Kansas City, Missouri, and during the course of the conversation learned that Miss Verier is at this time rooming and boarding at 502 Myrtle Street with the Fishers. Miss Verier appears to be a single woman, age 35, 5 feet 5 inches in height, rook-marked complexion, brown hair, brown eyes, medium slim build. She states she has been in Kansas City, Missouri, since 10-18-34 and has been rooming at the Fishers since 11-1-34; that she formerly was employed in Chicago and has a girl friend who is a friend of a Miss Bailiff, who resides on Thompson Avenue, which is immediately across the street from the Fisher residence; that upon coming to Kansas City she met Miss Bailiff and in order to be near her took a room at the Fisher residence. Miss Verier appeared to be a person entirely trustworthy and reliable. She stated that she is constantly being asked to visit with the Fisher family on evenings and she is positive, after being shown a photograph of Russell Gibson, that he has not been at that residence since she has been



living there. She further states that Mrs. Fisher has, on one or two occasions, mentioned a daughter who is away from home, who she believes to be Clara Gibson and that Clara Gibson is at this time residing in New York City, address unknown to Miss Verier. She stated that at no time in her presence has Russell Gibson ever been mentioned, except for the fact that she has learned from Mrs. Fisher that her daughter in New York is married.

Miss Verier appeared to be entirely cooperative but stated that she has asked to be transferred to Columbus, Ohio, and will undoubtedly be transferred there in the very near future. She stated she would be reached after transfer to Columbus at the Agriculture Department, Federal Building, Columbus, Ohio. She stated that should she learn anything before leaving the Fishers she would be glad to communicate with this office. She promised Agent she would call the office when she found out definitely about her transfer to Columbus.

Agent contacted the mail carrier delivering mail at 502 Myrtle, who is already familiar with this residence, and he stated he has observed nothing of unusual importance other than the visit of the son and daughter from Chicago. He stated that Mrs. Fisher does not leave outgoing mail at the house mail box but delivers the mail to the street box at Independence and Monroe Avenue.

Reference is made to memorandum of Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan of 12-24-34 having reference to telephone message of Special Agent in Charge Connelley from the Chicago office to the effect that Mrs. Tillie Lonquest and daughter Barbara Lonquest, who are friends of Mildred Kuhlman, reported girl friend of "Doc" Barker, were visiting relatives at Leona, Kansas, namely J. N. Cross, and asked this office to make discreet investigation relative to the character, reputation and possible contacts of J. N. Cross. He also added that these women were driving a Pontiac with Illinois license #552-629.

On the evening of 12-24-34 Special Agents A. R. Miller and B. P. Cruise went to Troy, Kansas, which is the county seat of the county in which Leona is located, and there made inquiry of Deputy Sheriff Larson, who is known to this Division to be a reliable peace officer. Upon being questioned concerning the identity of one J. N. Cross, Mr. Larson stated that he knew a Jasper Cross of Leona, Kansas, who was about 50 years of age, had lived around Leona, Kansas, for ten or twelve years, had always borne an excellent reputation and was well thought of in the community; that this Cross had no family and was employed by the County Highway Department in the Maintenance Division and received a salary of \$125.00 per month. He could not say for sure whether or not Jasper Cross was J. N. Cross.

Agents A. R. Miller and B. P. Cruise and Deputy Sheriff Larson



then drove to Leona, Kansas, which is located about eighteen miles from Troy, Kansas, where Agent A. R. Miller contacted Postmaster Dennis, who runs a small store at Leona, Kansas, a town of about 250 population. Mr. Dennis informed Agent that Jasper Gross was J. M. Gross; that on that day, 12-24-34, Mr. Gross had been in his store and stated to him that he and "the folks" were going to the Christmas tree celebration at the church in Leona that evening. He verified the statements made by Mr. Larson as to the character and reputation of J. M. Gross. He stated that Mrs. Gross had a sister by the name of Mrs. Lonquist and that he presumed Mrs. Lonquist and her daughter were the persons referred to as "the folks" by Mr. Gross when he mentioned going to the Christmas party. He could not say for certain as to whether or not they were actually in Leona at that time, although he stated that Mrs. Gross often received visits from her sister in Chicago. Agents drove by the residence of Mr. Gross which is located in Leona, but did not observe any Pontiac Sedan at that place. Agent impressed upon both Mr. Larson and Mr. Dennis the desirability of complete secrecy with reference to these inquiries and both promised to say nothing concerning it. Agent did not reveal the nature of the case upon which the instant investigation was predicated.

The presence of the Agents at Leona, Kansas, on Christmas Eve was not observed by anyone other than Mr. Dennis.

On 12-31-34 Miss Verier was again contacted by the writer at her place of employment which is at the Live Stock Exchange Building, Kansas City, Missouri, where she advised that she expected to be transferred very shortly to Columbus, Ohio, however, she said that this information was not definite and that she would be sure to again get in touch with the Kansas City Division office before she left town. In the interim she promised to cooperate as well as circumstances would permit in securing what information she could concerning either Russell Gibson or his wife from the Fisher family where she was still residing. Since the date of her first interview she said that she had learned nothing further concerning either of the two above mentioned individuals but did state that Mabel Guymon left for Chicago on Saturday, 12-29-34, in response to word received from her husband in a special delivery letter received on the afternoon of Saturday, the letter apparently set out that Mr. Guymon was being transferred to Duluth, Minnesota, there to continue work for the same firm with which he has been previously employed. Frank Fisher had left for Chicago two days previously so that at the present time none of the parties who had left Chicago to visit the Fisher family were any longer there. She also stated that Rose Atkins, the mother of Mary Atkins, previously mentioned in the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 11-17-34, on page 11, was a frequent visitor at the Fisher home and that Mary Atkins had come from Newark around the first of



November, together with her husband, Harry Hummel, and had resided with the Fisher family until about 12-10-34 at which time she left to rejoin her husband in the east, inasmuch as he had left the day after Thanksgiving. From all indications it would seem, according to Miss Verier, that Rose Atkins is not at all pleased with her son-in-law and that the latter was practically forced to leave on the day after Thanksgiving. The information set out above concerning the recent investigation conducted at Kansas City, Missouri, to ascertain if Gibson was in Kansas City was communicated to Mr. E. J. Connelley at Chicago by letter on 12-27-34 at which time it was also stated that the Kansas City office was in receipt of a telegram from the Los Angeles office dated 12-26-34 under the case entitled Russell Gibson, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, wherein it was stated that a tracing letter addressed to the Subject's mother at Los Angeles, California, appeared to be identical with the handwriting of Subject Gibson. This letter had been postmarked at Kansas City, Missouri, 12-19-34 with the return address of 204 Myrtle Street, Kansas City, Missouri. However, from the surveillance conducted by Agents of this office over the above premises, as well as the information obtained from the informant, Miss Verier, it appears at this time that Subject Gibson was not present at the above address. In this connection reference is also made to the report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, Kansas City, 12-19-34, concerning prior investigation at Kansas City, Missouri, to ascertain Gibson's whereabouts. In that report it has been set out that one Tony Gizzo, alleged Italian gangster of Kansas City, was interviewed. A few days after the said interview Gizzo telephoned Special Agent H. E. Andersen of the Kansas City office and advised him that if this Division was of the opinion that Gibson was in Kansas City it was mistaken as he, Gizzo, had ascertained through his contacts that Gibson was not presently here. This information was likewise communicated to Mr. Connelley of Chicago in the letter dated 12-27-34 indicated above.

It should likewise be noted that the facts obtained through the investigation conducted both at Troy and Leona, Kansas, by Special Agents A. B. Miller and B. P. Cruise of this office, which is set out above and which was made pursuant to a telephonic request of Mr. Connelley from Chicago on 12-24-34, were also communicated to Mr. Connelley of Chicago by letter under date of 12-27-34. Further investigation at the above places will be conducted as soon as possible. For further information concerning both the prior activities and associates of the above mentioned Mildred Kuhlman, reference should be had to the report of Special Agent B. E. Hall, dated 12-21-34 at Detroit. With further reference to the report of Special Agent M. C. Spear dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 12-19-34, this office has been further advised by Assistant Sheriff John Kelley at Kansas City, Missouri, that Russell Gibson is reported to be residing now at 1233 LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois. This report was obtained by Mr. Kelley's informant [redacted] from an unnamed individual frequenting the place operated by C. H. Tate, referred to in the



above mentioned report of Agent Spear. This individual volunteered the information when he overheard [redacted] ask Tate whether he had recently heard from Gibson and Tate had replied in the negative. The same party further informed [redacted] that he had had a letter from Gibson at the above address, namely 1833 LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois, "the day before yesterday" which would have been on or about 12-24-34. Mr. Kelley is securing the name of this individual who did the speaking at that time and will advise the Kansas City office. These facts were communicated to Mr. Connelley at Chicago by letter under date of 12-28-34.

Reference is made to the letter of Mr. R. J. Connelley at Chicago, Illinois, to the St. Paul office dated 12-26-34 in which three automobiles having a direct bearing on this case were definitely and minutely described with the request that all offices request the Motor Vehicle Registration Bureaus of the various states to advise when any of these cars was registered for the year 1935 and also to determine to whom licenses were issued for these cars for the year 1934.

In response to such a request made of the Secretary of State's office, Jefferson City, Missouri, this office has been advised under date of 12-28-34 that Ford V-8 Coach, motor #1130843; Ford V-8 Victoria Coupe, motor #1142463, and 1933 Model Pontiac Coach, motor #935155, have not been registered in the State of Missouri. Stop cards have been placed in the files of this office. The same request was also made of the Motor Vehicle Department for the State of Kansas to which, at the present time, there has been no response. However, judging from experiences with this bureau in the past it is apparent to this office that no registration of these cars will be found there inasmuch as the Kansas City office would have been notified before this time. As soon as confirmation of this fact is received it shall be duly reported.

On 12-24-34 Frank Stone and Mr. Silverthorne of the Kansas State Highway Patrol called at the Kansas City Division office and advised that a woman informant, who had been working with Silverthorne in certain other matters and who has at times been reliable and at times unreliable, had told Silverthorne that a group of outlaws, including "Doc" Barker, were planning to have a party in Kansas City on Christmas at the residence of one Inez Wickersham, with address given at 616 East 14th Street. No further details of the proposed meeting were available. The informant upon being questioned had stated that she had in the past an opportunity to become acquainted with these people although having had no recent contact with the same. An investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and H. A. Dietz on 12-24-34 at which time they maintained a discreet surveillance over the premises located at 621 East 14th Street, inasmuch as the city directory showed the address at 616 East 14th Street to be vacant, but that one Inez Wickersham was listed as residing at 621 East 14th Street. No un-



usual activity was noted at that time nor did anything occur which would indicate in any way that any persons wanted by the Division in this case were in the vicinity. From the meager information afforded by the above mentioned informant it appears at this time that the rumor of the possible presence of "Doc" Barker at the above address was erroneous; however, further discreet inquiries will be made so as to exhaust all possibilities.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent B. P. Cruise, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 10-6-34, in which it is set out that one Frank Nichols should be interviewed in order to ascertain if he could offer any possible information concerning Doris O'Connor, formerly known as Doris Stucklich and Mrs. Earl Stucklich, Edna Murray or any of the other Subjects. After several unsuccessful attempts to locate Frank Nichols he was finally interviewed by the writer on 12-31-34 at his place of business which is a small restaurant located at 714 Southwest Blvd., Kansas City, Missouri. His home residence is listed in the city directory at 4038 Waddell. It was ascertained upon interview that he and Gus Nichols are not identical but are brothers. It will be recalled by reference to the report of Special Agent M. C. Spear dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 12-19-34, that Gus Nichols is now incarcerated in the Minnesota State Penitentiary at Stillwater, Minnesota, where he has been for the past six or seven years. Pictures of the Subjects in this case, with particular emphasis being placed on those of the above mentioned women, were exhibited to Frank Nichols. He stated that he knew none of them and had never heard of their names. When asked about this he explained that for some time prior to his brother's entrance to the Minnesota State Penitentiary he had not been closely associated with him and therefore had known none of his associates. He seemed to be truthful and sincere; nevertheless none of the details of the investigation in this case were disclosed to him. He was supplied with the address and telephone number of the Kansas City Division office and expressed a willingness to pass on any information he might subsequently receive.

In this same connection inquiries were made at Hill City, Kansas, by Special Agent W. O. Scott in response to further facts which have been set out in the memorandum of Special Agent B. O. Duran dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 10-24-34, which in turn is predicated upon the facts outlined in the above mentioned report of Special Agent B. P. Cruise dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 10-6-34. In the memorandum indicated it is reported that both Mr. and Mrs. Stucklich, the latter being identical with Doris O'Connor, now thought to be the woman companion of Jesse Doyle, resided in Hill City, Kansas, at the time of the bank robbery which was perpetrated there. County Attorney J. S. Parker and Sheriff Bill Jones of that locality were contacted regarding this matter. They both advised that Mrs. Earl Stucklich, who is a



sister of Edna Murray, had left her husband, Earl Stussell, about six months ago and returned to Oklahoma. Parker further advised that he had been on the lookout for Edna Murray, as well as for any other members of the Barker-Karpis gang but he is positive that none of them have been in or around Hill City. It is suggested here that the Oklahoma City office make the contacts they deem advisable to ascertain whether or not Doris O'Connor is now located in that district or associating with any of the contacts heretofore mentioned in this case.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

NEW ORLEANS OFFICE at New Orleans, Louisiana, will review the file in which Rex Reiser, with aliases, is the subject and which has been indicated in the body of this report, so that an investigation may be conducted looking to the possibility of finding out the present whereabouts of Doris O'Connor, who in the past has been associated with Reiser.

KANSAS CITY OFFICE at Kansas City, Missouri, will also peruse the file entitled Rex Reiser, with aliases, et al, White Slave Traffic Act, so that pertinent inquiries can be made relative to Doris O'Connor.

CHICAGO OFFICE at Chicago, Illinois, will investigate the address of 1235 LaSalle Street, which is set out in the body of this report on pages 10 and 11. According to an informant in Kansas City the above address is now supposed to be that of Subject Russell Gibson.

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Director  
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Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219  
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. #1213  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232,  
et al  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to the letter from the Denver office to the Kansas City office, under personal and confidential cover, dated December 29, 1934, in which the attention of this office was called to the letter from the Denver office to the Division dated December 22, 1934, regarding [REDACTED] who is desirous of securing Division employment as an under-cover informant.

Please be advised that [REDACTED] was personally contacted on the evening of December 31, 1934, by Special Agent R. P. Shanahan of this office, at which time he stated again his wishes of working for the Division as an under-cover informant, pointing out his accomplishments in the past as a narcotic investigator and in other such matters. He claimed that if he were allowed to work in the capacity of an under-cover informant for the Division for approximately thirty days he would be able to deliver the subjects involved in this case and offer an entire solution of it. When further questioned as to how he would bring this about, he claimed that he was positive that he could gain the confidence of one Bossie Nigro of Kansas City and become a member of his mob. Further, he stated that Nigro knew of the present whereabouts of practically all of the subjects in this case and that the same information would be conveyed to him in a short time, owing to his ability to become closely associated with underworld characters.

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Agent Shanahan was further informed that this matter had already been taken up with the Division through the Denver Division office but that no word had as yet been forthcoming, consequently [redacted] as told that if the Division was desirous of employing him in such a capacity that he would be so notified by the Denver Division office and that the matter would be consummated one way or the other at that point. It should be noted here that during the interview [redacted] talked at length about various investigations he had been on, the credit for whose solutions he always claimed for himself. He boasted openly of his abilities to secure confidential information from any and all underworld characters and stated repeatedly that the Bremer case would be solved if he were put on the job, however, when put to the task of explaining just how this would be done his answers were evasive and indefinite.

It appears to me that from the information which [redacted] has furnished in the past, together with the statements made to Agent Shanahan, it is extremely doubtful that he would be able to develop information of value in Kansas City and I am submitting this additional letter in order to possibly assist the Division in reaching a determination in this regard.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Mr. E. J. Connelley  
St. Paul  
Denver

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P. O. Box 1883

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Butte, Montana, January 5, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 529,  
Chicago, Illinois.

ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
I. O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER  
with aliases, I. O. #1219;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases,  
I. O. #1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE  
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Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from Dr. Frank J. Bell, Billings, Montana, stating that he has across an old letter from W. E. Mead, and sends it to the Butte Office. He states that it is characteristic of Mead's spelling, mis-use of capital letters, etc. It was in relation to securing a position for Dr. Bell's son Norman at the World's Fair in Chicago. This letter is dated at Chicago, Illinois, April 8, 1933, and is signed by W. E. Mead, the letter being typewritten as you will see.

The notation at the top "The Christian Kid" is evidently written by Dr. Bell.

I thought it might be of some use and I am sending the original, herewith.

Very truly yours,

D. H. DICHAISON  
Special Agent in Charge.

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POST OFFICE BOX 823,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

January 5, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir: In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. 1215;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O.  
1232; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREWER, Victim  
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As a result of a mail cover on mail directed  
to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Newbold, sister and brother-in-  
law of Alvin Karpis, who reside at 2840 North Francisco  
Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, a tracing was submitted by the  
Chicago Post Office, showing that Mr. and Mrs. Newbold  
received a letter postmarked December 30, 1934, at Tulsa,  
Oklahoma, with the return address "Mrs. Dorothy Karpis,  
21 1/2 East Brady, Tulsa, Oklahoma". The number "10" appears  
directly after 21 1/2 East Brady, the return address.

It is requested that inquiry be made by the Tulsa  
Brady to determine the identity of Mrs. Dorothy Karpis.  
It is possible that she may be in fact Dorothy Brennan.

Very truly yours,

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul

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REPORT MADE AT San Francisco, Cal.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/2/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/6/34	REPORT MADE BY H. J. A. PIEPER & M. J. A. PIEPER
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218, ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219, ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Harrison not located in vicinity of San Francisco. Photographs distributed.			
REFERENCE: Letter of Inspector S. E. Conley dated November 20, 1934, Chicago, Illinois.			
DETAILS: AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA This agent with Special Agent T. P. Geraghty exhibited photographs of William J. Harrison to Paul Mingle, in charge of guards at the Cerrito Kennel Club, leaving photographs to be shown to the eight men under him. Mingle stated that he did not recognize the photograph as being any person that he recalled being at the El Cerrito H.S. Tracks and that he would advise the San Francisco office of the Division if this person appeared there. These agents mingled with the crowd but no identification was made. It will be noted that this is the only dog track in operation at this time and that John Patton was not known to the operators of the El Cerrito Kennel Club.  The taverns and gambling resorts in the vicinity of El Cerrito Kennel Club, near Berkeley and San Pablo, California, were covered by agents, photographs being exhibited and contacts being made whereby the Division office would be notified if Harrison should show up, particularly at the Acme Club, the 90 Club, and the ranch at San Pablo.  The police departments of Berkeley and Richmond, California, were contacted and given the photograph of Harrison together with infor- mation which would assist them in possibly locating him. The St. Marka, Oakland, Nepalq and Leamington hotels in Oakland, California, were covered and photographs exhibited to bell boys and clerks in an effort to determine whether or not Harrison had stayed at these hotels, but no			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>E. P. Lunn</i>	REPORT FURNISHED TO: 11 MAR 22 1965 1 E. J. Connelley 2 Los Angeles (4 encls) 2 San Francisco 2 St. Paul 2 Chicago		RECORDED AND INDEXED: JAN 8 - 1935 JAN 10 1935 JAN 8 1935 A.M. STAT. SECT. #8

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identification was made. However, arrangements were made that the Division office in San Francisco would be notified if he made his appearance at these places.

It was noted in the letter of reference that Harrison might make an appearance at Tanforan Race Track, San Bruno, California, but as this race track is not in operation, no investigation was conducted at San Bruno, California. California Jockey Club, Bay Meadows, at San Mateo, California, is closed for the season, and it is stated by persons acquainted with the tracks that a large drawing is expected at the new track open in Los Angeles, which is now in operation, known as the San Anita Race Track. Several photographs are being attached to the copy of this report for the Los Angeles office for their aid in possible apprehension of Harrison at Los Angeles.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS.

The Los Angeles office at San Anita Race Track will continue the appropriate investigation at race tracks, taverns, and other hangouts frequented by race track followers for the purpose of locating Harrison and other members of the Karpis gang.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINN**

FILE NO. **V-5**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>DENVER, COLORADO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>1/4/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>12/28/34-1/3/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>JAY S. NEWMAN</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. #1232; ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <div style="float: right; width: 60%;"> <p>Ford automobiles registered in 1934 in Illinois under names of J. B. Bolton and Andrew Allen not licensed to date in states of Colorado and Wyoming. No record in either of these states of subject Moran's Pontiac coach. Stop orders placed.</p> </div>			
REFERENCE: Letter of SAC E. J. Connelley, dated Chicago, Ill. 12-26-34.			
DETAILS:  <p>Through correspondence with the Motor Vehicle Division of the State Treasurer's office, Denver, Colorado, and the office of the Secretary of State, Cheyenne, Wyoming, it has been determined that Ford V-8 coach, motor #1130845, registered in the State of Illinois in 1934 under the name of J. B. Bolton, and Ford V-8 Victoria coupe, motor #1142463, registered in the State of Illinois in 1934 under the name of Andrew Allen, had not been licensed to date in either Colorado or Wyoming. It was also determined, through communication with the Motor Vehicle Department of these states, that 1933 Pontiac coach, motor #935155, serial #815237, owned by subject Moran, had not been registered to date.</p> <p>Stop orders have been placed on all of the above described automobiles.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>Jay S. Newman</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	<div style="text-align: center;"> <b>7-576-3706</b>  <b>JAN 8 1935 A.M.</b>  <b>BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION</b> </div>	
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in the Motor Vehicle Division in the states of Colorado and Wyoming,  
and this office will be notified in the event efforts are made to  
register them during the year 1935.

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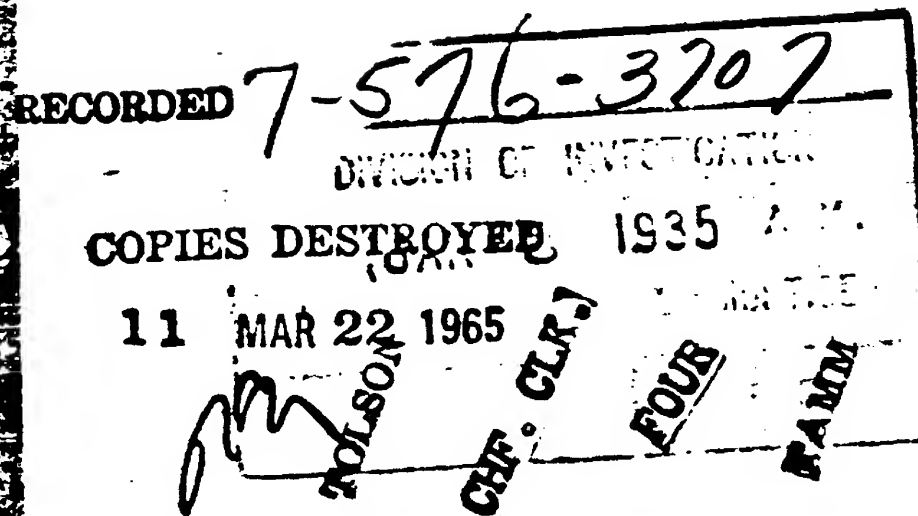
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:-

I telephoned Mr. Nathan concerning the St. Louis situation and instructed him to proceed to St. Louis from Springfield, Illinois, and to return to Chicago to be present at the Karpis-Barker conference scheduled for next Wednesday, January 9th. At the conclusion of this conference, Mr. Nathan will return directly to Washington. I have also instructed Mr. Newby to be present at this conference.

Respectfully,

Clyde Tolson.



Mr. Nathan	
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Baughman	
Chief Clerk	✓
Mr. Gurnea	WPK
Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Keith	
Mr. Lester	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Schuler	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

January 7, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Nathan.....  
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Mr. Tracy.....

In connection with developments in the Bremer Kidnaping case during the past week, reports and memoranda of 'phone calls, received at the Division, indicate that a number of contacts and addresses under surveillance in Chicago will produce results in the near future.

A conference of Agents familiar with various angles of this case will be held at the Chicago office on Wednesday, January 9, 1935 for the purpose of developing a definite plan of action to be taken in this case, checking over old leads and developing new leads.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby  
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January 5, 1935

Mr. Harold Nathan,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Confirming Mr. Tolson's conversation with you, I desire that you and Mr. Connelley take charge of the conference at the Chicago office on Wednesday, January 9, 1935, to be attended by Special Agents from the various field offices and Mr. R. E. Newby of the Division, who are especially familiar with the operations of the Barker-Karpis gang. Attention should be given to all possible angles of the investigations looking to the location and apprehension of members of this gang. A definite plan of action should be adopted and given vigorous attention. Leads to the several field offices should be carefully followed up.

The agents who have been instructed to attend this conference are as follows:

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Kansas City office  
Oklahoma City office

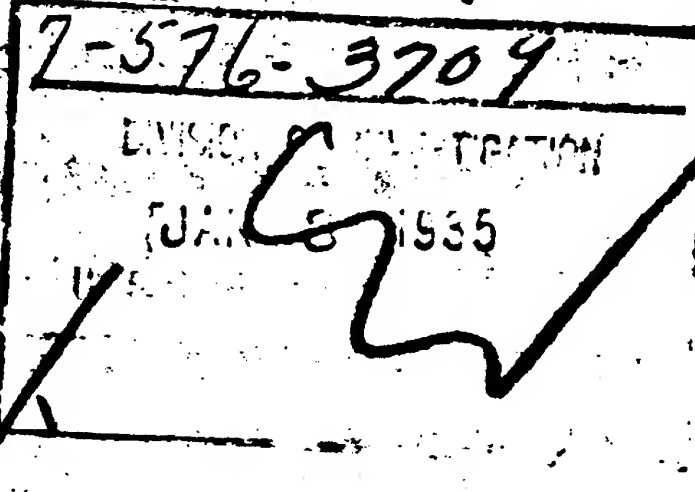
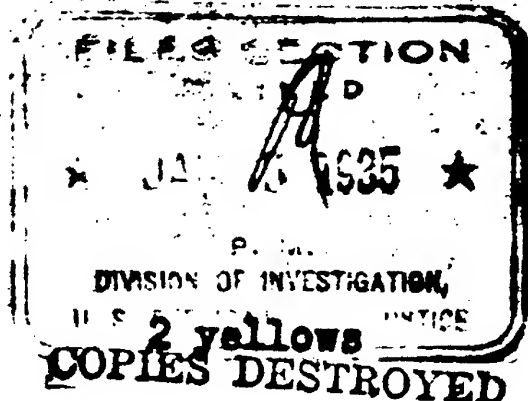
William Larson  
W. F. Trainer  
Dwight Brantley  
Paul Hansen  
Orville Dewey  
R. E. Vetterli  
C. G. Hall  
W. R. Ramsey

Omaha office  
St. Louis office  
St. Paul office  
San Francisco office

The following agents of the Chicago office should also attend this conference:

R. D. Brown  
R. E. McKee  
Clarence Hart  
G. G. Campbell  
John Madala  
R. C. Suran  
J. T. McLaughlin

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Mr. Harold Nathan.

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A report, incorporating all practical suggestions developed at the conference should be distributed to all field offices.

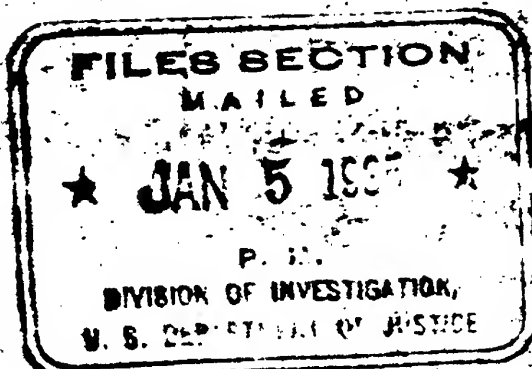
Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC - Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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**SPECIAL DELIVERY**





# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT: OMAHA, NEBRASKA	DATE WHEN MADE: 1/7/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12/26, 28/34	REPORT MADE BY: J. R. GREEN TMH
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1252; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER ..... VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  Bert Robertson, State Penitentiary #11707, Lincoln, Nebraska, reported to have been an associate of Clyde Nimerick, advises he has never known or associated with Nimerick.			
REFERENCE: Division letter, dated December 19, 1934.			
DETAILS: At Lincoln, Nebraska Reference letter requested that Bert Robertson, alias F. A. Redbridge, Nebraska State Penitentiary #11707, reported to have been an associate of Clyde Nimerick, be interviewed immediately for the purpose of obtaining any information in his possession relative to Clyde Nimerick.			
DETAILS: The reference letter also stated that Robertson, as Bert T. Robertson, with aliases, USM #463, Denver, Colorado, was arrested on March 4, 1931, charged with violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, but no disposition was given; also, as Bert Thomas Robertson, Denver PD #15850, was arrested in Denver, September 24, 1933, charge - fugitive (bank robbery), no disposition given.			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Werner Hammi</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 7-576-3710 JAN 9 1935 A.M. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: ONE STAT. SECT. FILE	
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Mr. W. E. Schroeder, in charge of the State Identification Bureau at Lincoln, Nebraska, advised that Bert Robertson was sentenced at Pierce, Nebraska, September 29, 1933 to fifteen years in the Nebraska State Penitentiary for robbery of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, Foster, Nebraska, September 12, 1932, when he was accompanied by William Knight, at which time he escaped in an automobile parked in front of the bank; that Robertson gave the names of his parents as Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Robertson, Ignacio, Colorado; his brother, Gordon Robertson, also of Ignacio; and a sister, Mrs. Della Perino, of Alliance, Colorado; that when incarcerated, Robertson stated he had had a three-years college education.

Mr. Schroeder had no information which would connect Bert Robertson with Clyde Nimerick.

Fred G. Benton, State Sheriff, Lincoln, Nebraska, whose office formerly had a wanted notice for Bert Robertson and now has an outstanding notice for Clyde Nimerick, advised that their office had no information which would in any way connect Robertson with Clyde Nimerick.

Bert T. Robertson, when interviewed at the Nebraska State Penitentiary, advised that he had never been in any prior trouble, excepting as heretofore noted, and had never served time in any penal institution prior to his present incarceration; that when arrested by the United States Marshal at Denver, Colorado in 1931, he was arrested on mistaken identity and released after being held in the county jail at Denver for four days; that when arrested at Denver on September 24, 1933, it was in connection with the charge on which he is now serving sentence; that he has spent most of his life in and around Ignacio and Denver, Colorado, except for the following:

He enlisted in the United States Army at Durango, Colorado, June 8, 1917, was assigned to Company C, 43rd Inf. and was discharged June 9, 1919, at San Antonio, Texas, Camp Travis, his compensation file number being 236728; that he draws disability compensation of \$50.00 per month, \$35.00 of which is now being sent to his son, living with his wife, from whom he is now separated and whose address he does not have;

In the fall of 1929, he worked at the Boeing Air Field, Cheyenne, Wyoming, for several months; from January to August, 1930, he worked for the C.I.T. Corporation, at Los Angeles, California, then returned to Ignacio, Colorado; that in August and September, 1933, he worked for the Chevrolet Company in the branch plant at Saint Louis, Missouri under the name of Robert Jackson, Plant #12306; that in the



latter part of 1930, he worked for the American Foundry Company, at Denver, Colorado; also, later for the Robertson Incubator Company, out of Denver and for various garages in and about Denver and Ignacio, Colorado; that he was in Louisiana from February to May of 1935, around Shreveport, going under the name of Bob Robbins. At that time, he was a fugitive on the bank robbery charge; that he had never been in Kansas City, except on two occasions - once when going to Saint Louis and again when returning from Shreveport; that on one occasion he stopped during the afternoon in Kansas City and on the other occasion, stayed over night; that he had never been in the States of Iowa, Oklahoma or Texas, except for his Army Service at the latter place; that he never knew anyone by the name or description of Clyde Nimerick; that he has not often been in the company of criminals and only numbers four criminals among his acquaintances, and none of these answers the description of Clyde Nimerick, and all four were, at some time or still are in penal custody, during the past year and a half, during which time Clyde Nimerick has been at large; that if he could be advised as to when he was supposed to have been associated with Nimerick, he might be able to recollect him, but could not do so without this information; that he would willingly furnish any information he could to the Government, in connection with the instant investigation, the nature of which he was not advised.

The penitentiary authorities advised that Robertson is one of their trusties and any information obtained from him, in their opinion, could be depended upon.

Should further interview be desired with Robertson concerning Nimerick, it is suggested that the Division furnish the Omaha Office with what information is available, disclosing the association of Bert Robertson with Clyde Nimerick.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

DENVER DIVISION OFFICE: - At Denver, Colorado, is requested to ascertain the disposition of Robertson's criminal record, as furnished by the Division; USM, Denver, #463, arrested 3/4/31, as Bert T. Robertson, N.M.V.T.A.; and as Bert T. Robertson, Denver PD #15850, arrested 9/24/33, as fugitive (bank robbery).

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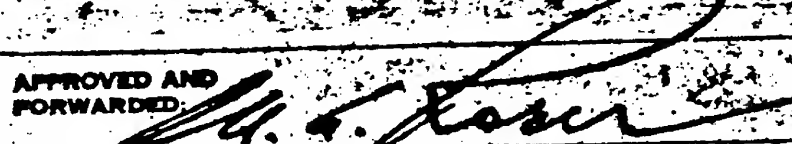


# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minnesota**

FILE NO. **7-2 01**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Nashville, Tennessee</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>1-7-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>12-19, 29-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>Louis DeNette</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1218; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. 1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPPING</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Tennessee 1934 auto license tags 43-951 were issued March 14, 1934 at Memphis, Tennessee to S. J. Willard Chisca Hotel, Memphis, for Chevrolet sedan, motor 3,963,860. Auto license clerk who issued tags does not remember person procuring them. No record of S. J. Willard, or similar name, at Chisca Hotel, for month of March 1934. Effort to locate Russell Gibson as proprietor in gambling resort at Memphis not successful.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b></p> <p>Report of Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, 12-17-34. Letter from Oklahoma City office to Nashville of file, 12-12-34.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p><u>AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.</u></p> <p>Agent, with the assistance of J. T. Douglas, deputy county clerk, of Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, checked Tennessee 1934 auto license tags 43-951 through the records of the clerk's office and agent saw retained triplicate of auto registration dated March 14, 1934, showing these tags had been issued to W. J. Willard, giving address of Chisca Hotel, Memphis, for Chevrolet sedan, motor 3,963,860. Deputy County Clerk, E. M. Weaver, who actually wrote out the registration slip, stated that he did not remember Willard or the incident of issuing the tags, as it was an ordinary daily duty.</p> <p>Manager Scott, of the Chisca Hotel, Memphis, allowed agent to look through all registration cards for the month of March 1934, but no registration of S. J. Willard or similar sounding name, except Williams, known to Mr. Scott and not fitting the description of Homer Wilson, was found. Mr. Scott stated it is</p>			
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a common occurrence for people, in registering autos, to give the name of some hotel. Agent took a tracing of the name "G. J. Willard" off the auto registration retained slip and tried to compare handwriting with registrations at the Elison Hotel, but found nothing to resemble the writing. As Chicago already has carbon of the signature "G. J. Willard" on the duplicate registration card, the tracing made by agent is retained in the Nashville file.

The reference letter from the Oklahoma City office quoted one B. C. Hyde as stating he had seen a man resembling Russell Gibson as groupier at a gaming establishment at No. 214 South Main street, Memphis, Tennessee. In view of the suggestion in the reference letter that caution should be exercised in giving this information to the police at Memphis, agent discussed the matter with only one police officer, this being Captain S. D. Richards, in whom agent has confidence. Captain Richards procured a photograph of Gibson from the Memphis Identification Bureau and later reported he had canvassed this place at 214 South Main and found it to be nothing but a pool hall in which an occasional game of "craps" is shot by interested players. This information was later verified by agent. Captain Richards stated he likewise visited another pool hall at 167 South Main, but said no gaming goes on there. He said he is continuing a quiet investigation and if he located Gibson he will take him into custody.

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# Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 829,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Mr. Nathan.....  
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Mr. Tamm.....  
Mr. Tracy.....  
Miss Gandy.....

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

January 7, 1935.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. 1213;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232;  
et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

This is to advise that on the afternoon of January 3, 1935, Special Agent S. K. McKee interviewed Vivian Mathis at the Jackson County Jail, Kansas City, Missouri, at which time she informed that during the latter part of November, 1934, while at liberty under bond in the KANEMO case, she made a trip to Chicago, Illinois, at the request of Louis "Doc" Stacey, and that while in Chicago she made contacts with several persons, the identities of whom she declined to disclose at the time of interview, from whom she learned that Verne Miller had been wounded in the legs during his escape from the Sherone Apartment Hotel in the Fall of 1933; that he had gone to the hotel where he had been living and was there killed by "friends" and his body taken to Detroit, Michigan, where it was later found. This woman informed that she had learned the identity of the individual who "fingered" Miller and also the identities of the persons who killed him and took his body to Detroit. She stated further that Miller had been killed as the result of orders received from New York City. She intimated that the person who sent out this order was Louis Buckhalter and she stated at the time that Buckhalter, Miller and associates had connections in New York City, Chicago, Illinois, Kansas City, Missouri, and St. Paul, Minnesota. She informed that Miller had left the East on instructions from Buckhalter during the month of August, 1933, and that the reason for her coming to Chicago, Illinois, in August, 1933, was because of instructions from Buckhalter. She stated that Buckhalter gave her \$1,200 in cash at the time of her departure from New York.

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It being thought that the "friends" who had killed Miller might be members of the Barker-Karpis gang, this woman was questioned in that connection and admitted that the killers were members of that gang, but would not furnish their identities. She did state, however, that Harry Sawyer was the individual who had "fingered" Miller. Vivian Mathis was pressed for information concerning the identities of the persons who had killed Miller, but she declined to furnish any information at this time, stating that she would furnish full information as

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We should see Mathis woman now  
get prison term.

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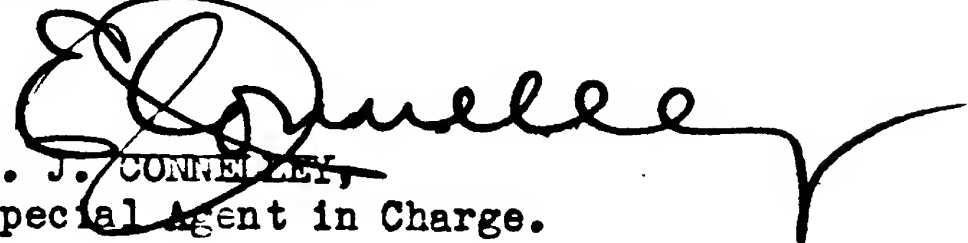
soon as she was released from prison on the sentence she expected to receive in the KALLIO case. She advised that when released she would come to Chicago, Illinois, and get in touch with Agent McKee, at which time she would guarantee that the Government would get information concerning the locations of the persons who had killed Miller, and possibly others. She advised that if it was the last thing she did, she intended to see the assassins of Miller killed; that she was confident the Government would kill them if information could be obtained concerning their whereabouts; that she intended to turn them in as she wanted to see them dead and did not want to take a chance on going to the electric chair by killing them herself.

This woman also said that Lillian Holden, wife of Thomas Holden, Leavenworth penitentiary prisoner, had doublecrossed her and that as soon as she was able to come to Chicago she intended to take her for a ride and give her the worst beating she had ever seen. Vivian would not elaborate on this matter. She did remark, in connection with the Holden woman, that she believed members of the Barker-Karpis gang are intimate with her.

Vivian Mathis requested Agent McKee not to relay this information to Washington, D. C., because of the data she had supplied concerning a "leak" in Washington. The data supplied by her as to the alleged "leak" has been communicated to you under personal and confidential cover. Agent McKee, of course, told this woman that this matter would be treated in the strictest of confidence.

This data is submitted for your information.

Very truly yours,

  
E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minnesota**

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FILE NO. **7-24**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Jacksonville, Fla.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1/7/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/15/34/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. P. Lacour</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1215; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232; et al</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Dog tracks operating in Miami, Tampa, St. Petersburg, and Jacksonville, Florida, have been covered at regular intervals with no indication to date that Willie Harrison is frequenting or working at any of them; similar coverage of these tracks will be made at regular intervals in future and Chicago Office notified immediately in event any information about Harrison learned, the Jacksonville Office taking proper and necessary steps in such event.			
REFERENCE: Letter from Inspector S. P. Cowley, Chicago, Illinois, dated November 20, 1934.			
DETAILS: At Tampa and St. Petersburg, Florida:  The dog track operating at Tampa, Florida, has been visited several times by Special Agent E. F. Yearsley accompanied by Post Office Inspector Sanford, who is well acquainted with the underworld characters frequenting that track as well as the associates and representatives of Capone who have a connection at the track. To date no information has been developed at this track which would tend to point toward Harrison's presence there or the presence of any of his associates or members of the Barker-Karpis gang.  The attendance at this track has been unusually small this Winter and it is comparatively easy to observe nearly all present; for this reason Agent Yearsley is quite positive that Harrison or members of above mentioned gang are not present.  The dog track operating at St. Petersburg, Florida, only opened recently and as yet has not been covered by Agent Yearsley, but he has made arrangements to visit this			
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place regularly immediately, as well as make further visits to the Tampa track when it re-opens after the Holidays.

**At Miami, Florida:**

The dog track operated by the Biscayne Kennel Club, Miami, Florida, has been frequented by Special Agent R. L. Main of the Jacksonville Office with no information developed as to Harrison's presence. Most of the employees are known at this track by Agent Main who will make further calls in an effort to gain any possible information of value.

**At Jacksonville, Florida:**

The Clay County Kennel Club, Orange Park, Florida, just outside of Jacksonville, has been frequented at least once weekly by Agents of the Jacksonville Office including this Agent and Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt and it might be said that practically every employee and person connected with this track are well known to Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt. The crowds attending the races have been unusually small this season and it is felt by those who have made visits to this track that Harrison or his associates are certainly not here, however, the Agents of this office will continue to visit the track as well as the track which will soon open in Jacksonville which is owned by the Jacksonville Racing Association and which is to be operated by a Chicago crowd. In the event any information is developed at any of the points mentioned in this report, the Chicago Office as well as the Division will be immediately notified and such other steps as are proper and necessary will be taken by the Jacksonville Office.

**UNDEVELOPED LEAD:** THE JACKSONVILLE OFFICE will continue to periodically frequent these tracks in an effort to locate Willie Harrison or members of the Barker-Karpis gang in the event they put in their appearance at these places.

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Post Office Box 8118  
Detroit, Michigan  
January 7, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 828  
Chicago, Illinois

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1215;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1215;  
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. 1215;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1215;  
ET AL. - ACCUSED  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
JAN 9 - 1935  
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Dear Sir:

JAN 28 1935

Reference is made to letter from this office to you dated January 3, 1935, particularly to that section relating to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] wherein it is set forth [REDACTED] that Bert Angus had told the boys, not mentioning any names, apparently in a long distance telephone conversation, that George Sargent had called him, Bert Angus, and requested him to communicate with the gang and have Mildred return to Toledo, St. Metara.

On the evening of December 30, 1934, [REDACTED] communicated with the Detroit office and advised that he had ascertained [REDACTED]

that on Christmas day, December 25, 1934, they had been visited by two members of the gang, Shorty and Slim. He stated that Shorty was Doc Barker and that he did not know the identity of Slim.

Under date of January 4, 1935, Special Agent D. R. Hall personally interviewed [REDACTED] and he advised [REDACTED]

that Shorty Barker and another member of the gang, [REDACTED] had visited them on Christmas day at their apartment. He further advised that he had been unable to determine how long the boys had been in Toledo or when they had left, but he gathered [REDACTED] and they had probably left either Christmas night or the following morning. [REDACTED] unable to ascertain their destination.



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[REDACTED] had endeavored to secure further details. At 2 A.M. on the morning of January 8, 1935, Informant was again contacted by Agent Hall.

[REDACTED] however, that he had been unable to secure any information from [REDACTED] inasmuch as they had two guests there who were drinking [REDACTED] being engaged in bootlegging, and would not discuss the matter with any guests present. He advised that as soon as an opportunity offered itself, which he expects to be in the next few days, [REDACTED] will again visit [REDACTED] to secure all information they have concerning the whereabouts of any members of the gang.

In view of the fact that it is set forth in reference letter [REDACTED] that Bert Angus had had a conversation with the boys, informant is of the opinion that at the time [REDACTED] that the boys had evidently returned to Chicago, and he stated that he was in error concerning the long distance telephonic conversation between Bert Angus and the boys.

[REDACTED] will be contacted on January 8, 1935, in order to ascertain whether he has secured any further information [REDACTED] concerning the whereabouts of members of the gang.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

DEH:vas  
cc Division  
St. Paul



Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Fla.

BAA:MFB

January 3, 1935.

Mr. Geo. H. Wilder,  
Motor Vehicle Commissioner,  
Tallahassee, Florida.

Dear Sir:-

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
JAN 4 - 1935  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

In the conduct of a certain important investigation being made by this Division, we are desirous of securing information concerning the following three automobiles:

- 1934 Ford V-8 Coach, Motor No. 1-150 848
- 1934 Ford V-8 Victoria Coupe, Motor No. 1-148 463
- 1934 Pontiac Coupe, Motor No. 955 165, Serial No. 815 237.

It is respectfully requested that in the event application is made to register for title or tag any of the aforementioned automobiles for the year 1935, you advise this office by telephone collect - Phone No. 5-2780.

Please place a stop card in your file against each of the above described automobiles.

It will also be appreciated if you will immediately advise whether any of these cars were registered in the State of Florida for 1934 tags.

At this time I want to take the opportunity of expressing to you the appreciation of this Division for the splendid co-operation you have always afforded us.

For your convenience in replying I am enclosing an addressed envelope which requires no postage.

With the best wishes of this Office for a happy and successful New Year, I am

Very sincerely yours,

R. A. Als,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Division.  
Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Post Office Box 829,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 5, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Pursuant to suggestions at a conference with Mr. Tolson and Mr. Tamm, the following agents have been instructed to report to Assistant Director Harold Nathan at the Chicago office on Wednesday, January 9, 1935, to develop a definite plan of action with regard to locating members of the Barker-Karpis gang. Both Mr. Nathan and Mr. Connelley are being advised of this conference by air mail, special delivery letter.

Chicago office .....	R. D. Brown
	S. K. McKee
	Clarence Hurt
	C. G. Campbell
	John Madala
	R. C. Suran
	J. T. McLaughlin
Detroit office.....	William Larson
Kansas City office.....	W. F. Trainor
Oklahoma City office.....	Dwight Brantley
	Paul Hansen
Omaha office .....	Orville Dewey
St. Louis office .....	R. E. Vetterli
St. Paul office .....	O. G. Hall
San Francisco office.....	W. R. Ramsey

Respectfully,

*R. E. Newby*  
R. E. Newby

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

St. Paul, Minn.

FILE NO. 7-22 HM

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Birmingham, Ala.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>1-8-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>1-1,7-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>B. O. Smith.</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O.#1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O.#1215; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.#1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>No record of Ford V8 Coach, Motor #1,130,843, Ford V8 Victoria Coupe, Motor #1,142,463, 1933 model Pontiac Coach, Motor #935,155, or Chevrolet Club Sedan, Motor #4,543,656, Serial 1-DA-0749267, being registered in Alabama or Georgia in 1934 or 1935. State officials will advise Birmingham office in event any of above automobiles are registered subsequently.</b>			
REFERENCE: <b>Letter from SAC E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Ill., to St. Paul, Minn., copy to all Division offices, dated 12-26-34.</b>			
DETAILS: <b>At Birmingham, Ala.</b>  Immediately on receipt of reference letter requesting that the Motor Vehicle Registration Bureaus in the respective states be checked relative to 1934 or 1935 registrations pertaining to Ford V8 Coach, Motor #1,130,843, Ford V8 Victoria Coupe, Motor #1,142,463, and 1933 model Pontiac Coach, Motor #935,155, Serial #815,237, letters were forwarded to the Director, Motor Vehicle Division, State Revenue Commission, Montgomery, Alabama, and the Chief Clerk, Auto & License Department, State Tax Commission, Atlanta, Georgia, and replies received, advising that none of the automobiles had been registered in Alabama or Georgia in 1934 or 1935; however flash cards were being placed against the respective motor numbers, and the Birmingham Division Office will be promptly notified in the event any of the automobiles are registered subsequently.  The above Registration Bureaus had previously been requested to			
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check on the registration of Chevrolet Club Sedan, Motor #4,543,656, Serial  
Fl-DA-0749267, property of one H. J. Morley; however, the Motor Vehicle Division  
in Atlanta, Ga., through error checked for motor #4,543,655. A search was  
later made for Chevrolet Club Sedan, Motor #4,543,656, and a reply received  
that this automobile was not registered in Georgia in 1934 or 1935, and stop  
card had been placed in the files in order that the Birmingham Division office  
would be notified in the event the automobile is registered subsequently.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT <b>OMAHA, NEBRASKA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1/8/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/27, 28/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. H. KENNEY</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER ..... VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <p>Mail received at 1825 North Vine Street, Hollywood, California by Wyatt Winters and wife, found to be sent by relatives and friends at Davenport, Iowa. Rock Island, Illinois address fictitious. Individual of similar description to WILLIAM WEAVER, involved in robbery and murder with Gail Johnson at Burlington, Iowa, 5/27/34. Mail cover placed on incoming and outgoing mail of Gail Johnson at the State Penitentiary, Fort Madison, Iowa.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p>Reports of Special Agents J. G. Findlay, Los Angeles, 12/3/34; J. H. Kenney, Omaha, 10/20/34.</p>			
DETAILS: <p>At Davenport, Iowa</p> <p>Agent was advised that H. E. Winters was the father of Wyatt Winters. H. E. Winters runs a Specialty Shop at 319 East 4th Street. He is, at present, chairman of the Fire and Police Commission and was formerly an Alderman. Agent was advised, confidentially, that Mr. Winters has the reputation of being willing to do anything, if there is any money involved in it. His son, Wyatt Winters, had rather a bad juvenile record while in Davenport. He went out to Arizona for his health as he is supposed to be suffering from tuberculosis and must have recently moved to Hollywood. He married a Davenport girl.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <p><i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p>		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <p>7-576-3717 JAN 10 1935 A.M. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: <i>[initials]</i> FILE ONE STAT. SECT. RE</p>	
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Agent found that 1459 West 9th Street, was the address of Hans Vollert, who is a very reputable old German. He has seven or eight children and it is one of them who wrote to Mrs. Winters, as she used to be a friend of the Vollerts. The entire Vollert family bears an excellent reputation and is not an object of suspicion in any way.

Postal Authorities at Rock Island, Illinois, advised there is no such address as "258 16th Street" as the entire 200 block is vacant.

At Burlington, Iowa

At the Police Headquarters, Agent interviewed Chief of Police F. J. Machholz and Captain Baird concerning the facts relative to the murder of Captain Sauer, of the Burlington Police Department, by Gail Johnson. They advised that Captain Sauer was shot May 27, 1934, about 5:30 A.M., while investigating a report that two men were burglarizing The Economy Store. Two men broke open two safes, obtained \$700.00 and shot Captain Sauer with a sawedoff shotgun while making their escape. Gail Johnson, of Des Moines, Iowa, was identified as one of the parties and was convicted of first degree murder and sentenced to life in the Iowa State Penitentiary, Fort Madison, Iowa. His companion is unknown and there are no available parties who can identify him. It is noted that Gail Johnson was an associate of WILLIAM WEAVER when he purchased a new Chevrolet Coupe, under the alias of J. A. Orhood, at Des Moines, Iowa in March, 1934. Captain Baird, who was handling this case for the Burlington Police Department, advised the description of WILLIAM WEAVER corresponds closely with the available information they have of Johnson's companion. Johnson, however, is supposed to have been the one who carried the shotgun and who actually did the killing, and his companion carried a revolver.

At Fort Madison, Iowa

At the State Penitentiary, Agent interviewed G. L. Wayland, censor of mails, who advised he would find and copies or tracings of all incoming and outgoing mail for Gail Johnson, to the Omaha Division Office, that was in the least suspicious. He advised so far Johnson had only written to his wife, Mrs. D. H. Johnson, 1723 E. Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa; to Charles P. Howard, a colored attorney, 515 Mulberry St., Des Moines, Iowa, who was Johnson's counsel in his murder trial; to Mary Johnson, Norwalk, Iowa; and to Kate Aliber, 365 7th Street, Des Moines, Iowa, who is a friend and associate of Johnson's.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

OMAHA DIVISION OFFICE: Will interview Gail Johnson, at the State Penitentiary, Fort Madison, Iowa, relative to his association with William Weaver at the time the Chevrolet Coupe was purchased at Des Moines, Iowa, during March, 1934. This interview should not be conducted until opportunity is given for Weaver to attempt to register this coupe for 1935, as he is very probably not aware that the Division has a record of this car.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minn.**

FILE NO. **7-33**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>San Francisco, Calif.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>Jan. 4, 1935.</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>Nov. 27, 1934.</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>VERNON E. CRISS - AP.</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING.</b>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  
Volney Davis identified as being at Las Vegas, Nevada, in September, 1934. List obtained of automobiles of gang repaired in Reno, Nev. during latter part of 1933.

**DETAILS:**

**AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA:**

Agent while checking on the case entitled Lester Gillis (deceased) et al, was advised by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gawecki, operators of the De Luxe Auto Court, telephone Las Vegas 647, located about one mile southeast of Las Vegas, on the highway leading to Los Angeles, California, that some time during August or September, 1934, three men and several women rented one of their double cottages; that one day a woman operating the restaurant in the auto court, and a patron, observed an intoxicated man walk up to the door of one of the said cottages and knock on the door; that a man holding a pistol in his hand opened the door, while another man holding a pistol or gun in his hand, came to the window. He stated that he notified the Las Vegas Police Department about this incident, and one of the inspectors came out to the Auto Court, but could not identify any of the men.

Mr. and Mrs. Gawecki both immediately identified Volney Davis, from a picture displayed by Agent, as being one of the men staying at the said cottages. They also advised that the drunken man was living at the Denver Auto Camp located near the De Luxe Auto Court, and apparently knew the men, as they, on one occasion, took him back to the Denver Auto Camp, and on another occasion took him to Las Vegas; that the above men lived at the De Luxe Auto Court several days, when they left; that about two weeks later he, Gawecki, saw the same group of men at

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the Post Office in Las Vegas; that they were driving what was believed to be a 1933 Auburn Sport model touring car or sedan, with a gray canvas top, dark blue body and wire wheels.

Mr. Gawecki could not at the time locate the De Luxe Auto Court register records pertaining to the said group, but said he would endeavor to do so.

AT RENO, NEVADA:

Mr. Frank Cochran, Manager and principal stockholder in the Air Service Garage, Reno, Nevada, produced repair cards on the following automobiles which he said were brought to the Air Service Garage by members of the Karpis-Barker gang. He, Cochran, identified members of the gang from pictures.

Repair order No. 538, dated Oct. 4, 1933 - Cash transaction. Mileage 3061 on Dodge Sedan, 1933 Illinois license 1-237651.

Repair order No. 719, dated Oct. 14, 1933 - Cash transaction on same auto.

Repair order B-725 dated Oct. 16, 1933 - Cash transaction. No name. 1933 Auburn 12 - 1933 Calif. license 7-H-5762.

Repair order No. 732 dated Oct. 20, 1933 - Cash transaction. Mileage 4519. 1933 Ford V-8 - 1933 Ohio license C-25771.

Repair order #739 dated Oct. 20, 1933 - Cash transaction - Mileage 6183. Buick Sedan, 1933 Ohio license C-25783.

Repair order #824 dated Oct. 26, 1933 - William H. Lohman - 1933 Auburn 12. 1933 Calif. license 7-H-5762.

Repair order #848 dated Oct. 28, 1933 - Cash transaction - Buick 33-91. Ohio license C-25783 - Repairs (wreck damage) \$65.90.

Repair order #915, dated Nov. 4, 1933 - Cash transaction - Ford V-8.

Repair order #920 dated 11/4/33 - Cash transaction - Auburn 12; 1933 Calif. license 7-H-5762.

Repair order #955 dated Nov. 10, 1933 - Cash transaction - Buick 33-91. Ohio license C-25783

Repair order #1058 dated Nov. 20, 1933 - Cash transaction - Ford V-8

Repair order #B-1079 dated Nov. 25, 1933 - Auburn 12, 1933 - Calif. license 7-H-5762

Repair order #B-1094 dated Nov. 27, 1935, Cash - mileage 11568 - Belmont Apts.  
1933 Buick 8 Sedan - model 91 - 1933 Ohio license C-25-725.

Repair order #B-1094 dated Nov. 29, 1935 - Cash transaction - Ford Sedan - V-8,  
1933 Ohio license C-25-771 - mileage 8058.

All of the above repair orders were marked "paid" by Frank Cochran.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The Salt Lake City Division office will, at Las Vegas, Nevada, reinterview Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gawecki, operators of the De Luxe Auto Court, located approximately one mile southwest of Las Vegas on the Los Angeles highway, for register record of the Barker-Karpis gang. Also endeavor to locate gang or where they lived subsequent to leaving the De Luxe Auto Court, and obtain pertinent information that might lead to their apprehension.

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326 Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, La.  
January 8, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 829,  
Chicago, Illinois.

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION	
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Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. 1218;  
Arthur R. Barker, with aliases, I.O. 1210;  
Russell Gibson, with aliases, I.O. 1213;  
Mr. Joseph P. Moran, with aliases, I.O. 1232;  
et al. Edward George Bremer, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Please refer to the report of Special Agent J. H. McGrath, of this office, on the above matter, dated December 20, 1934, wherein it will be noted that Mr. L. R. Hoover, an attorney at New Orleans, a number of years ago represented Doris O'Connor and M. J. Connell, a brother-in-law of Doris O'Connor, who was then Doris Connell. Mr. Hoover advised Agent McGrath today that on the afternoon of January 4, 1935, M. J. Connell called at his office in company with Mrs. M. J. Connell, the girl whom Connell married from Mt. Herman, La. Connell told Mr. Hoover that he wanted to get an old mortgage against his father's property at Chippewa Falls, Wis., which had been given to Mr. E. A. Parsons, an attorney of New Orleans, who signed a bond for Max Connell at the time Max Connell was arrested in New Orleans. Mr. Hoover said that Connell stayed only a few minutes and he asked a few questions as to what would be necessary to have the mortgage released. It was ascertained by Agent McGrath that this mortgage was dated March 12, 1921, and is registered in Volume 86, Mortgages, Page 25, at Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. Thomas Connell, the father of M. J. Connell, and Grace Connell were the mortgagors.

Agent McGrath then interviewed E. A. Parsons, who is Librarian of the New Orleans Public Library and who maintains a private law office at the Whitney National Bank Building, and Mr. Parsons stated that a man who gave his name as a Mr. Smith called Mr. Parsons at his private law office several times on Friday, January 4, 1935, while Mr. Parsons was out of the office. Mr. Parsons said that it later developed that the man who had called was M. J. Connell, who contacted Mr. Parsons late the same afternoon at his private law office and asked for a mortgage note which had been given by Connell's father to secure a bail bond which Mr. Parsons had furnished for Connell about twelve years ago. Mr. Parsons was not able to find the note among his old papers and Connell said that if Parsons did find the note he could forward it to M. J. Connell, 6312 Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. A partial identification of the photograph of Doris Connell as the woman who accompanied M. J. Connell to the office of Mr. Parsons was made

by the latter's secretary. She states that the description fits in a general way except that the woman who was with M. J. Connell evidently had had her hair dyed red. It seems somewhat unlikely that this woman would be Doris Connell because Mr. L. R. Hoover has stated that he is certain it was Mrs. M. J. Connell who was with Connell when the latter visited Hoover's office on the same day.

In view of the connection of Doris Connell with the Karpis-Barker gang, it would seem advisable to consider the farm of Thomas Connell at Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, as the possible "spot" where Victim Bremer was held. Consideration might also be given to locating Doris Connell through M. J. Connell at 8512 Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, or through Thomas Connell, the father-in-law of Doris Connell at Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin.

Very truly yours,

D. W. Magee,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division ✓  
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Kansas City  
Oklahoma City  
Little Rock



# DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

ST. PAUL, MINN.

FILE NO.

7-45

REPORT MADE AT Cincinnati, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 1-9-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11-15-34/34 12-24/34 12-31/34	REPORT MADE BY W. B. KLEIN
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1212; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. #1219; RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I. O. #1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases I. O. #1232, et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			
<p>Synopsis of Facts: Ford Sedan Motor #399355 registered in the name of E. J. Powell, Toledo, Ohio, to whom Ohio (1934) license O-35-952 was issued. E. J. Frankes, Jr. of Thomas Shirt Co., Columbus, Ohio, advises shipment of shirts was made by parcel post and not by express as formerly stated. Shipping record relative thereto destroyed. Check at Police Departments in principal cities throughout the Cincinnati District indicates identification orders on subjects on file and no further criminal history found. Ford Coach Motor #150845 Ford Coupe Motor #1142465 and Pontiac Coach Motor #935155 not registered in Ohio, 1934 and arrangements made to check 1935 registration in Ohio and Kentucky.</p> <p>3664, 3706, 3714 3695, 3662, 3702, 3714 3716</p> <p>3545, 3545, 3545 3664, et al.</p>			
DETAILS			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, 9-25-34; Division letter 10-13-34; telegram to the Kansas City office 12-23-34; report of Chapmon Fletcher dated at Cincinnati, Ohio 10-30-34; letter from the Chicago office dated 12-25-34.			
DETAILS: This is a joint report of Special Agents J. E. O'Hair, Chapmon Fletcher, D. C. McGovern, V. P. Keay and W. B. KLEIN. WRITE IN THESE SPACES			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>E. J. Connelley</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-5763720	RECORDED AND INDEXED: JAN 11 1935
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Agent Fletcher was advised by G. S. Frambes, Jr., of the Thomas Shirt Company, Columbus, Ohio, that he was in error in stating that the shirts were shipped to E. Bronson, 3111 Harvard Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, by express, collect, but says they were shipped by C.O.D. Parcel Post. He has destroyed the shipping record in this case as he says is his custom when payment is made on a C.O.D. order.

Photographs of the subjects in this case have been exhibited by Agent to G. S. Frambes, Sr., of the Thomas Shirt Company, Columbus, Ohio, and he is unable to identify any of these photographs as being of the person to whom the shirts were sold. He states the photograph of Russell Gibson as shown somewhat resembles Bronson but that he would not want to say this is the photograph of the man known to him as Bronson. He says that Gibson's description is similar to that of Bronson, that is, they are of the same type. The group photographs of Moran, Weaver, Russell Gibson, Doyle and Sawyer were exhibited to Frambes and he did not think the photograph of Gibson in this group resembled Bronson as much as the photograph appearing on the Identification Order above referred to. The group photographs of associates of the Barker-Karpis gang which are referred to in Division letter of December 5, 1934, were also exhibited and Frambes failed to identify any of these parties as ever having been seen by him.

Agent has requested G. S. Frambes, Sr., to communicate by telephone to the Cincinnati Office any information he may secure tending to show the whereabouts of E. Bronson or any of the persons for whom the shirts were made and Mr. Frambes has promised to do this. He has been furnished with the Telephone and Telegraph address of the Cincinnati Office.

M. L. McGee, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, State Highway Department, Columbus, Ohio, advised Agent from his records that Ford V-8 Sedan Motor 899365 was registered in the name of E. J. Powell, 1312 1/2 Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio, to whom 1934 Ohio License No. C-35-952 was issued May 21, 1934. McGee advised that a careful check failed to show that either the license or automobile for which issued had been transferred.

Arrangements were made with Mr. McGee to place a notation in the files of his office to telephone the Cincinnati Division office in the event the above automobile should be transferred during the remainder of 1934 or during the year 1935.

Check has been made at the Identification Bureau, Lexington, Kentucky Police Department, Cincinnati, Ohio, Dayton, Ohio, Springfield, Ohio, and Columbus, Ohio and it was found that Identification Orders on subjects Karpis, Barker, Gibson and Moran are on file and a notation has been made to telephone the Cincinnati Division office in the event of the arrest of one or all of these subjects. The records reflect these individuals have no local criminal history.

The Wanted Notices for the individuals mentioned in Division letter of 10-13-34 have been left with the Identification Bureau of these various police departments with a similar request that the Cincinnati Division office be notified by telephone in the event of the arrest of any of these parties or the receipt of information as to their probable whereabouts. Check of the records has failed to disclose any local criminal history for any of these individuals.

Agent Fletcher ascertained from Manley Magee, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, State Highway Department, Columbus, Ohio, that license No. 463169, Ohio 1934, was issued June 14, 1934, to Laura Verdier, Y.W.C.A., Columbus, Ohio, for Chevrolet Standard Coupe, Motor No. M 51455, Serial 9 DC 06-5523, 1934 Model, purchased new. Franklin County Bill of Sale No. Y 5883.

Miss Webber, Thomas Davis Company, Inc., 5th and Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, advised agent from her records that her company on June 14, 1934, sold to Laura Verdier the above described automobile, the key number being 4046 and the Body number being 862. Miss Verdier gave her address as 533 East Twentieth Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, and said she had previously resided at the Y.W.C.A., in Columbus. The purchase price of this car was \$559.35, \$189.35 being paid in cash and the balance financed by the General Motors Acceptance Corporation the notes being \$28.17 per month.

Mr. Schoenfeld, General Motors Acceptance Corporation, Huntington National Bank Building, Columbus, Ohio, advised agent from his records that his Company financed the above described automobile, as stated. He said the contract is now fully paid, the payments having been anticipated by Miss Verdier, who, on July 13, 1934, paid \$129.00 and on July 17, 1934, paid the balance of \$321.72. From his records he stated that Miss Verdier was employed by the Agricultural Department in the Post Office Building in Columbus, Ohio. He says she had a Postal Savings account at the Columbus Post Office. Her father, L. M. Verdier resides at Sidney, Ohio. She formerly resided for five years at 1847 Chapman Street, Cleveland, Ohio, and was employed by the Fisher Body Company of Cleveland, prior to coming to Columbus. She had also been employed by May and Company and Halle Brothers of Cleveland. She was born April 21, 1902.

Mr. Glenn S. Ray, Agricultural Statistician in Charge, Post Office Building, Columbus, Ohio, advised agent that Miss Verdier was in his employ from January, 1934 until sometime in the summer of 1934 at which time she was furloughed due to falling off of work in the Columbus Office. There was an opening in the office of the Emergency Feed Office of the United States Department of Agriculture, 751 Live Stock Exchange Building, 1515 Genessee Street, N.W., Kansas City, Mo., and Miss Verdier accepted this position going to Kansas City by way of Chicago where she has friends. She drove to Kansas City in a car she had recently purchased in Columbus.



Mr. Ray describes Miss Verdier as being between thirty and thirty-five years of age, tall, slender, wears glasses, has dark red hair, uses lots of make-up to cover up marks on her face caused by small-pox.

Agent contacted Judson Harmon, Bureau of Motor Vehicles State Highway Department, Columbus, Ohio, and after a check of his records Mr. Harmon advised agent that he could find no record of the registration in Ohio for 1934 or 1935 of Ford V-8 Coach, Motor #1150845; Ford Victoria V-8 Coupe Motor #1142465 or Pontiac Coach Motor #935155. Harmon advised Agent that in the case of each of these cars, the records have been marked to show that the Cincinnati Division Office should be immediately notified by telephone "collect" in the event any one of the cars is registered in Ohio during 1935.

The State of Kentucky does not have a motor number index the only records being kept according to license number. The Bureau of Motor Vehicles for this State has been requested, however, to endeavor to be on the lookout for the registration of the above three cars in the State of Kentucky during 1935.

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January 9, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR IDENTIFICATION UNIT

UNIT FIVE.

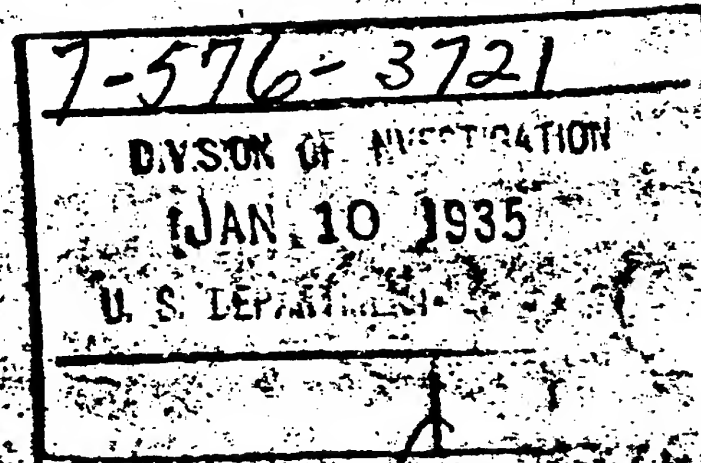
Information has been received to the effect  
that subject Russell Gibson, alias Rusty Gibson, I.O. #1213  
FUGITIVE, Index No. 4503, was killed  
while resisting arrest on January 9, 1935. Kindly cancel  
wanted notice in Fugitive Bulletin.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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January 9, 1935

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APPREHENSION ORDER  
NO. 1213-328

Dear Sir:

RE: RUSSELL GIBSON, alias  
RUSTY GIBSON.

Identification Order No. 1213 on the above named subject  
is hereby cancelled, inasmuch as he was killed at Chicago, Illinois  
on January 9, 1935, while resisting arrest.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,

Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR UNIT FOUR,  
EQUIPMENT SECTION

Transmitted herewith is a memorandum containing  
data for Apprehension Order No. 328 on Russell Gibson,  
alias Rusty Gibson, Identification Order No. 1213.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #318918.

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P. O. Box #1188,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

January 9, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I. O. #1218; et al; EDWARD  
GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Recent investigation at Des Moines, Iowa, in an effort to locate Myrtle Eaton, reveals that her brother-in-law, Lawrence "Red" Joyce, has been residing at 1443 8th Street, Des Moines. He is now driving a Dodge Coupe with Wisconsin 1934 License 102-467. Will you please ascertain such information as is available concerning this license plate and advise?

Very truly yours,

WERNER HENRI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Connelley, Chicago.  
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1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

January 9, 1935

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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue and 9th St., N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith copies of ~~finger~~ fingerprint impressions of REGINA MORDOCK, MARJORIE HARRISON, PATRICIA LONQUEST, and BARBARA LONQUEST who are being held by the Chicago Division Office for questioning in the above case.

JAN 18 1935

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*  
M. H. PURVIS *encl.*

Special Agent in Charge.

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: BRID

Dear Sirs:

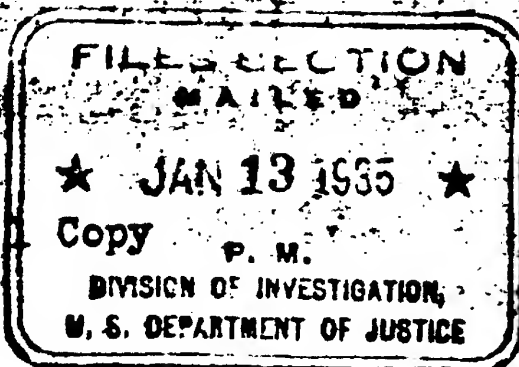
In reply to a communication received from the Chicago Division Office dated January 9, 1935, transmitting fingerprints, please be advised that a search of the files in the Division of Investigation fails to disclose any data concerning REGINA MORDOCK, MARJORIE HANNISON and BARBARA LONQUEST. However, a search of the files does reveal a record of PATRICIA LONQUEST and for your information a copy is attached hereto.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Suydam called me this morning, stating that Mr. O'Hare of the Associated Press desired to receive a photograph of Russell Gibson.

This was furnished to Mr. O'Hare.

Respectfully,

Clyde Tolson.

Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Baughman  
Chief Clerk  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Edwards  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the latent fingerprint examinations being conducted in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al; Edward G. Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

You are advised that the latent fingerprints which were previously developed in this case have been compared with the fingerprints of Mrs. G. D. Harris, 49019 PD Des Moines, Iowa, but no identification has been effected.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812,  
Chicago, Illinois.

January 10, 1935.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Chief Deputy Coroner Schlaeger of Cook County, Illinois, called at this office this morning after the inquest into the death of Russell C. Gibson and said that they had definitely identified Byron Bolton, alias Monty Carter, as the chauffeur of "Killer" Burke, who, as the Division knows, is now serving a life sentence in the State of Michigan. He says that they were very desirous of securing the gun used by the late Russell C. Gibson in order that they might make ballistic tests with a view to determining the possible complicity of Byron Bolton in the St. Valentines Day massacre and possibly other crimes, they having certain guns which could be used in this comparison.

The Coroner's office, as the Division probably knows, was very liberal with us in connection with the Coroner's inquest into the death of Russell Gibson, permitting us to put on two witnesses who were not actually eye witnesses of the tragedy and also permitted us to use Mrs. Russell C. Gibson as a witness when they might have demanded that the other inmates of the apartment, i.e., Byron Bolton and Ruth Heidt, be present.

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I told Chief Deputy Coroner Schlaeger that in accordance with the established custom, it was necessary to send this gun immediately to the Division in order that the Division might make ballistic tests and comparison there, and that after these tests had been made the Division would be glad to cooperate with the Cook County authorities. I am rather of the opinion that if this gun is returned to Chicago it will remain in the hands of the Cook County authorities. I believe that some steps should be taken to make some kind of a gesture, possibly as Mr. Tamm suggested this morning, concerning enlarged photographs of the test bullets. Of course, if the Division desired the gun might be returned to Chicago.

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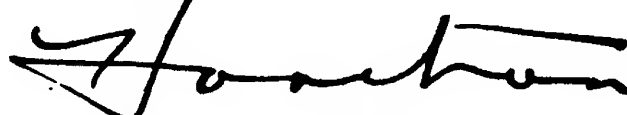
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I gave the Chief Deputy Coroner rather to understand that this would be done in order that the present amicable arrangements between this office and the Coroner's office would not be disturbed. At that particular time the Coroner's jury had not rendered a verdict, or at least if it had, I had not heard of it.

Very truly yours,



HAROLD NATHAN,  
Assistant Director.

HN:GVT



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January 17, 1935.

Mr. Harold Nathan,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 818,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

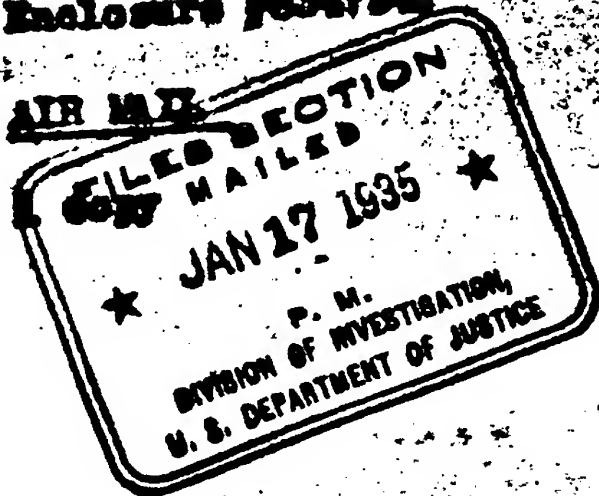
Reference is made to your letter of January 10, 1935, in connection with the three Browning Automatic rifles and the Thompson Sub-Machine gun recovered in the apprehension of Russell Gibson in Chicago and from the apartment of "Doc" Barker. Test specimens have been taken from these guns and are enclosed in order that they may be transmitted to the Cook County authorities for comparison with ballistic specimens.

The three Browning Automatic rifles were received in the Laboratory, one marked as the gun used by Gibson in an attempted escape, one found intact in the apartment, and another disassembled. It has been found after assembling the latter gun that it was defective and the firing pin was replaced in order to fire a cartridge, therefore, the firing pin mark is not significant. These enclosed specimens are in envelopes appropriately marked for identification.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #634784



JER:HW January 10, 1935.

Time-2:35 P.M.

## MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

During a telephonic conversation with Colonel Gates, I was questioned as to the approximate date when the Dillinger Report might be turned in. Colonel Gates stated that he had received an inquiry concerning the matter from a representative of the Associated Press.

I advised that the date was quite indefinite; that the Division was at present occupied with several other matters, for instance, the Karpis-Barker gang and the Piquett trial; and that the Special Agents were needed in regard to these matters more urgently than in investigating Dillinger in Indiana.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 812  
Chicago Ill.

January 8, 1935.

Director  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL

There is being transmitted herewith one  
copy of fingerprint impressions of MRS. A. R. ESSER,  
paramour of A. R. "DOC" BARKER, I. O. #1219.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*  
M. H. PURVIS *and*  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Baughman..
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Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
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RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

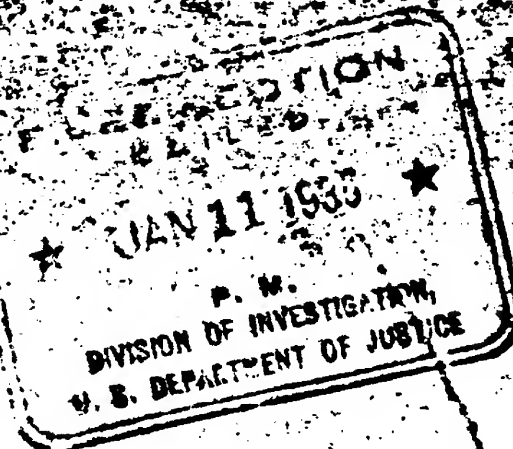
In reply to a communication received from the  
Chicago Division Office dated January 8, 1935, which  
transmitted fingerprints of MILDRED CONQUEST, please be  
advised that a search of the files of the Division of  
Investigation fails to disclose any data concerning  
this individual.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

**L. A. FILE NO. 7-42**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Los Angeles, Calif.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>1/9/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>12/28/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>JAMES G. FINDLAY EL</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. 1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I. O. 1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>HENRY J. TWEEDALE</b> states that he cashed several small checks for <b>O. B. CARTER</b> but he does not remember the bank or banks on which same were drawn but that they were in Chicago; that he also assisted <b>GEORGE ZIEGLER</b> in cashing a Western Union check for \$1100.00 or \$1150.00 from Chicago to Trinidad, Colorado. He does not remember the name of the party sending said money. No information relative to present whereabouts of <b>O. B. CARTER</b>.</p> </div>			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent <b>A. R. Gere</b> , Denver, Colorado, dated 12-15-34.			
DETAILS: Agent interviewed <b>HENRY J. TWEEDALE</b> and wife, 4301 South Central Ave., Los Angeles, California, Telephone: Century 28165; they stated that they were well acquainted with <b>GEORGE ZIEGLER</b> and wife and <b>O. B. CARTER</b> and wife and two children at Trinidad, Colorado, in 1929 and 1930; that these parties came to Trinidad and vicinity to spend the summer and they became close friends and visited them at their camp on several occasions.			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>J. E. P. Dunn</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>7-576-3731</b></p> <p><b>JAN 14 1935 A.M.</b></p> <p><b>STAT. SECT.</b></p> </div>	
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They stated that they remembered that O. B. CARTER received several small checks from Chicago, which they cashed or which they aided in getting cashed, but that none of the checks were for a larger sum than \$300.00 and that they remember only one check for that amount; that the checks all came from Chicago but that they cannot remember the party or parties sending same or the bank or banks on which said checks were drawn. Mr. TWEEDALE stated that he remembered one transaction very well. That GEORGE ZIEGLER received either \$1100.00 or \$1150.00 by Western Union check; that ZIEGLER approached him to get his assistance in having same cashed; that he endorsed this check and verified same with the manager of the Western Union, Mr. John Boles at Trinidad, Colorado, before he aided in the cashing of same; that they then took said check to the First National Bank at Trinidad and presented same to Neal Bryning, Teller of said bank, and that he, Mr. Tweedale, endorsed said check and that same was cashed; that he believes that Mr. Bryning will remember this transaction quite well, as it was not an every day occurrence for said bank to receive a check of this size by Western Union; that he, Mr. Tweedale, does not remember the bank on which said check was drawn, nor the party sending same, but he does remember that it came from Chicago; that this transaction took place either in August or September, 1929; that he remembers the incident well and is sure that it was in either August or September.

At first Mr. and Mrs. TWEEDALE thought that they had some kodak pictures of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. CARTER and ZIEGLER but they made a search of their home and later reported by telephone that they were unable to find the pictures at their home. They stated that, while they were very good friends of the CARTERS and ZIEGLERS while they were at Trinidad, when they left, supposedly for Chicago, that they never heard from them or never as much as received a post-card from them and that they have no information at present relative to their present whereabouts.

Agent made investigation at the office of the Western Union in Los Angeles and was advised by the manager that a record of the above transaction would be kept at the Trinidad, Colorado, office for a period of one year, at which time it would be sent to the Denver office and that, in due course, would be sent to the headquarters office at Chicago, Illinois, where same would be kept for a period of five years and that a record of this transaction could no doubt be found in the main office of the Western Union at Chicago.

No lead is being set out in this matter but same is being left to the discretion of Mr. E. J. Connelley at Chicago as to what further investigation should be made.

PENDING



Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida

January 11, 1935

RAA:SLH

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 829,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases--I. O. #1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases--I. O. #1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases--I. O. #1213;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases--I. O. #1232;  
ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to your letter of December 26, 1934, to the St. Paul Division office, describing three automobiles which are known to have been in the possession of persons connected with this case, and requesting that various field offices receiving copies of this letter arrange to have the Motor Vehicle Registration Bureaus advise if and when any of these cars is presented for registration for the year 1935 and also to determine to whom licenses were issued for the year 1934. The three mentioned cars are:

- X Ford V-8 coach, motor number 1130843
- X Ford V-8 Victoria coupe, motor number 1142463
- X Pontiac coach, 1935 model, motor number 935155, serial number 815237

The Motor Vehicle Commissioner at Tallahassee, Florida, has advised that not one of these cars was registered in the State of Florida for the year 1934; further advising that in his records he has placed "stop" card for each and in the event application is made for title or tag the Jacksonville Division office will be immediately advised.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc Division  
St. Paul  
Jax #7-24

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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
January 11, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 829,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O.  
# 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with ali-  
ases, I. O. # 1219; RUSSELL GIBSON  
with aliases, I. O. # 1215; DR.  
JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I. O.  
# 1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-  
Victim - Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 5, 1935, advising  
that Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Newbold, 2340 N. Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Il-  
linois, sister and brother-in-law of Alvin Karpis, had received a letter  
with the return of Mrs. Dorothy Karpis, Elmer E. Brady, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

For your information, this is to advise that the Dorothy Karpis  
above mentioned has been identified as being a former wife of Alvin Karpis,  
nee Dorothy Slayman, and is now residing in apartment number 10, 211 E.  
Brady Street. As will be noted from previous reports submitted in this  
matter, [redacted] and the  
activities of Mrs. Dorothy Karpis are being reported to this office.

[redacted] Agent M. J.  
Chicago, Illinois, dated December 17, 1934, mention is made of a  
letter bearing the return address P. O. Box 1114, Muskogee, Oklahoma, re-  
ceived by Mrs. E. D. Stanley at Glasgow, Montana, having been forwarded  
from Pittsburg, Kansas. It has been ascertained that this postoffice box  
at Muskogee was rented by C. W. Morris, a drayman, residing five or six  
miles west of Muskogee. This matter is receiving further attention.

Very truly yours,

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DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division  
St. Paul

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812  
Chicago, Illinois

January 8, 1935.

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Miss Gandy.....

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER,  
with aliases, I.O. 1219; RUSSELL  
GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. 1213;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,  
I.O. 1232; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

There is being transmitted herewith one  
copy of the fingerprint impressions of A. R. (Doc)  
Barker, I.O. 1219, a subject in the above-entitled  
case.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER,  
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GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. 1218;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,  
I.O. 1232; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

In reply to a communication received from the Chicago  
Division Office dated January 8, 1935, transmitting a copy of  
the fingerprints of A. R. (DOC) BARKER, I.O. 1219, please be  
advised that a search of the files of the Division of Investiga-  
tion reveals this individual to be identical with Dock Barker,  
our file number 289428, a copy of whose record is attached  
hereto.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #293786.

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REPORT MADE AT: EL PASO, Texas.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-9-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1-9-35	REPORT MADE BY: J.L. Geraghty jfn
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. 1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Alamo Plaza Tourist Apartment not located in the district of this office.  RUC.			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent F.S. Dunn, Dallas, Texas, 12/21/34.			
DETAILS: Reference was made to all directories in possession of the El Paso Office and to the list of tourist camps as well which is maintained in the El Paso Office, but the Alamo Plaza Tourist Camp was not located among those listed.  The list of tourist camps maintained in the El Paso Office was prepared with reference to all of the tourist camps in the district of the El Paso Office by communicating with the Sheriffs in the various counties.  There being no further investigation indicated in this district, the case is			
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P. O. Box #1156,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

January 12, 1935.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O.  
#1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases,  
I. O. #1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,  
with aliases, I. O. #1232, ETAL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of January 7th, 1935, there is enclosed, herewith, full length picture of Clyde Nimerick, alias C. D. Harris, which was taken at Des Moines, Iowa, on December 29th, 1931; also attached are full palm prints of both his right and left hands. The Police Department at Des Moines would like to have the return of these palm prints, or a good photographic copy of same.

Likewise enclosed is a picture of Frances Heizer, alias Mrs. C. D. Harris, who is the wife of Clyde Nimerick.

Very truly yours,

*Werner Hanni*

WERNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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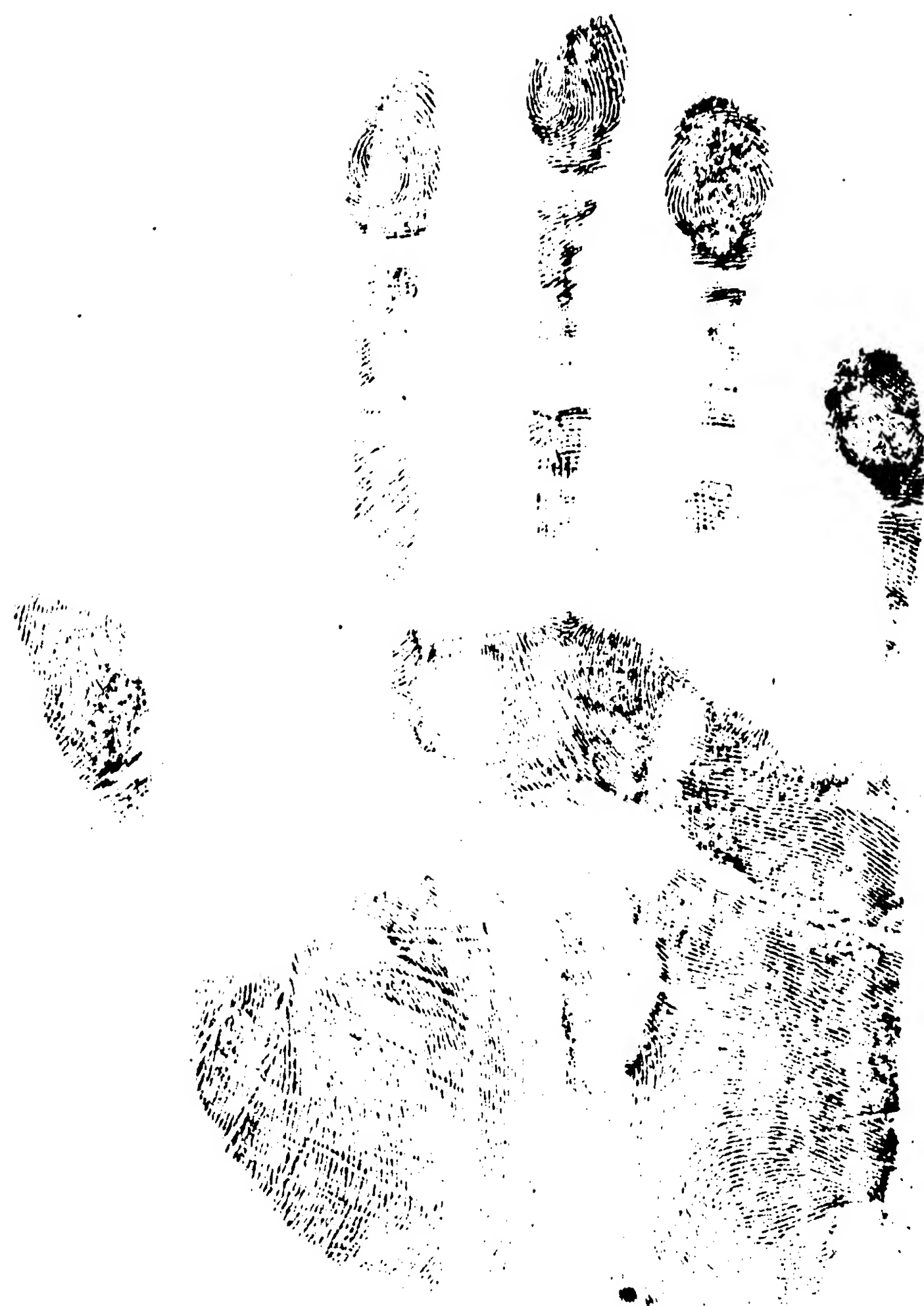
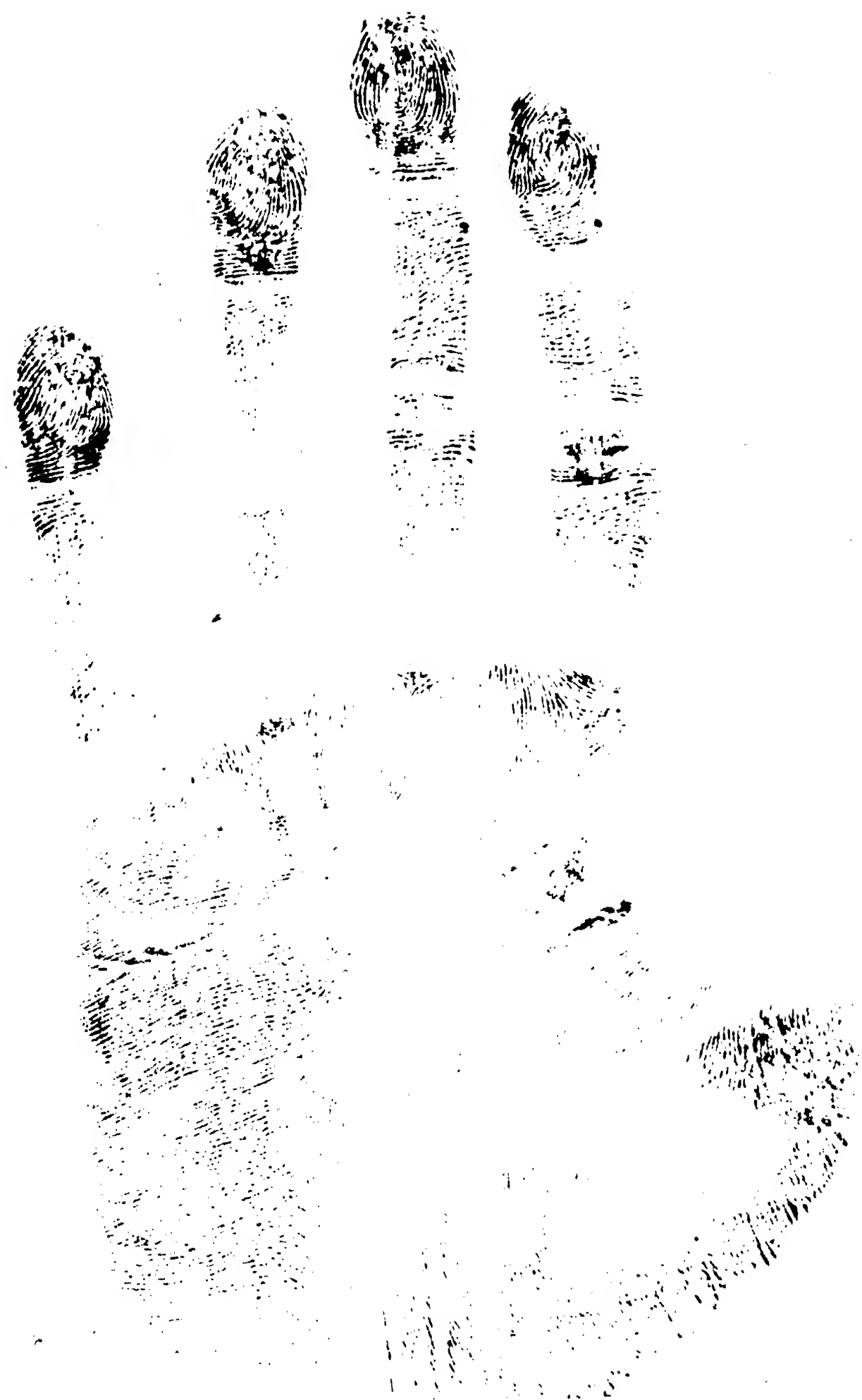
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Clyde Nimerick

Full length photo  
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Clyde Nimerick, alias  
C. D. Harris -

Photograph taken 12/29/31  
at Des Moines, Ia.

Mrs. C. D. Harris,  
Frances Heiger

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Clyde Nimerick

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218;  
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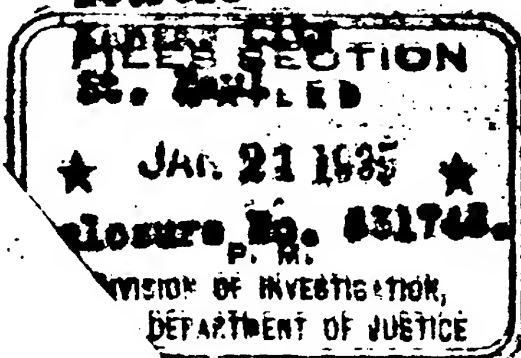
There are returned herewith the original palm prints of Clyde Himerick, alias C. D. Harris, which were taken by the Police Department at Des Moines, Iowa, on December 29, 1931 and were transmitted to the Division with your letter dated January 12, 1935. Copies of these palm prints have been retained in the Division's file.

There are also transmitted herewith and to each of the offices indicated below, a full length photograph of Clyde Himerick and a photograph of Frances Heiser, taken by the Police Department, Des Moines, Iowa, on December 29, 1931.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-St. Louis  
Detroit



Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

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January 8, 1935

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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue and 9th St., N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a copy of the  
fingerprint impressions taken from the body of RUSSELL  
GIBSON, I.O. 1213.

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Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS  
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Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: BREXID

Dear Sir:

In reply to a communication received from the  
Chicago Division Office dated January 8, 1935, transmitting  
a copy of the fingerprints of RUSSELL GIBSON, I.O. 1213,  
deceased, please be advised that a search of the files of  
the Division of Investigation reveals this individual to  
be identical with Russell Gibson, our file number 57885,  
a copy of whose record is attached hereto.

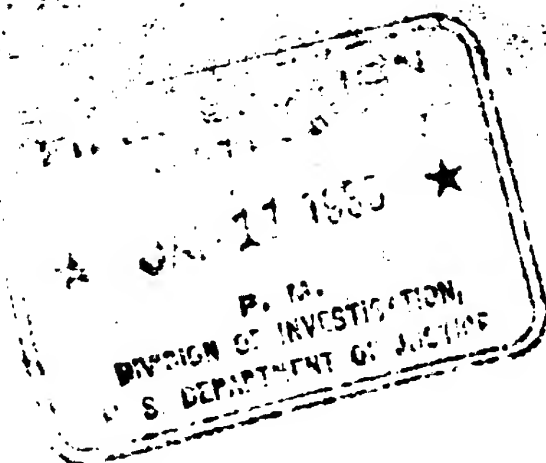
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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

CHARGE

JANUARY 12, 1935

J. P. MOFFATLAND  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
612 MARINE TRUST BUILDING  
BUFFALO, NEW YORK

109898  
12/23/35  
BREKID DETERMINE TO WHOM SHIPPED AUTO AND BURGLAR SAWED OFF DOUBLE BARRELL  
TWENTY GAUGE SHOT GUN NUMBER ONE NAUGHT NINE ONE NINE EIGHT MANUFACTURED BY  
ITHACA GUN COMPANY ITHACA NEW YORK

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F. I. FAY  
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
370 LEXINGTON AVENUE  
ROOM 1403  
NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

JANUARY 12, 1935

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DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE CABLE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED CABLE
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK-END CABLE LETTER
SHIP RADIOGRAM	RADIOGRAM

Please check class of service desired, otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication

# Postal Telegraph

THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

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St Paul Minnesota  
January 11 1935

## DAY LETTER

J. H HANSON  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
320 FEDERAL BLDG  
BIRMINGHAM ALABAMA

BREKID RETEL NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR MINNESOTA LICENSE SIX SIX NINE EIGHT FIVE ISSUED TO JAMES WILLIAMSON SEVEN NAUGHT SIX NINTH STREET SOUTH MINNEAPOLIS MINNESOTA FOR NINETEEN THIRTY THREE CHEVROLET SEDAN THREE SIX SEVEN FIVE ONE FOUR SIX STOP CAR PURCHASED FROM BOLTON SWANBEE COMPANY DULUTH MINNESOTA JUNE TWENTY NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR STOP WILLIAMSON RESIDED AT MINNEAPOLIS ADDRESS ABOUT THREE WEEKS DURING SUMMER OF NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR WAS ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE AND SMALL DAUGHTER AND LATER VISITED BY MOTHER FATHER AND YOUNGER BROTHER AND SISTER WITH WHOM HE DEPARTED TO UNKNOWN DESTINATION FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED

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232 Uptown Station, Post Office

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# WESTERN UNION

R. B. WHITE  
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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January 8, 1935

E. J. CONNELLEY  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1900 BANKERS BUILDING  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

BREKID NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR MISSOURI LICENSE THREE SIX NAUGHT SIX SIX NAUGHT  
ISSUED R GUTTMAN TEN FOURTEEN A MCCAUSLAND SAINT LOUIS MISSOURI FOR ROCKNE  
AUTOMOBILE MOTOR NUMBER B FIVE THREE FOUR SIX FURTHER DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION  
UNAVAILABLE HERE STOP SAINT LOUIS REQUESTED OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
AND ADVISE YOU DIRECT

NATHAN

cc - Division

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
JAN 11 1935
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS ARE APPROPRIATE GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS



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JANUARY 12 1935

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
232 POSTOFFICE BUILDING  
ST. PAUL MINNESOTA

0 BREKID DISREGARD FURTHER INVESTIGATION MINNESOTA AUTOMOBILE LICENSE SIX SIX NINE EIGHT FIVE OWNERSHIP VERIFIED HERE

HANSON

CHG. GOVT. RATE  
520 FEDERAL BLDG  
BIRMINGHAM ALA

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

JAN 14 1935

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WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS ARE APPROPRIATE GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS.

P. O. DRAWER 1457,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

January 9, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 829,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
JAN 11 1935  
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In re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218.  
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RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I. O. 1215.  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O.  
1232, et al.  
Edward George Bremer, Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Under date of January 8, 1935 the following wire was received from the Kansas City Division office:

"BREKID CONNELLEY REQUESTS INFORMATION REGARDING MISSOURI NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR LICENSE THREE SIX NAUGHT SIX SIX NAUGHT STOP LICENSE ISSUED & GUTTMAN TEN FOURTEEN & MCCABE LAND SAINT LOUIS FOR ROCKNE MOTOR NUMBER & FIVE THREE FOUR SIX STOP NO FURTHER DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE OBTAIN AND FORWARD DIRECT CHICAGO ANY AVAILABLE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION"

Agent C. M. Tyner of the St. Louis Division office discreetly questioned the stenographer in the office of Callant & Hannigan, attorneys, Room 1012, 7722 Chestnut St., St. Louis and she advised that Robert A. Guttman had been employed as an investigator for that firm up until last summer. The exact date of Guttman's leaving the firm was unknown and the stenographer stated that she felt sure that Guttman was not now in St. Louis. She stated, however, that as far as she knew his reputation was above reproach. She further stated that no doubt Mr. Hannigan would know all about Mr. Guttman, his actions and his present whereabouts and suggested that Mr. Hannigan be interviewed when he returns to his office on January 10, 1935 at 9:00 A. M.

Mr. Hannigan will be interviewed upon his return, January 10, 1935, and any information obtained will be forwarded direct to the Chicago Division office.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC-Division  
CC-St. Paul  
CC-Kansas City



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P. O. BOX 1156,  
OMAHA, NEBRASKA,  
January 9, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 829,  
Chicago, Illinois

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. #1218;  
Arthur R. Barker, with aliases, I.O. #1219;  
Russell Gibson, with aliases, I.O. #1213;  
Dr. Joseph P. Moran, with aliases, I.O. #1232;  
et al. Edward George Bremer — Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:-

As a result of a cover maintained on the mail of the relatives  
of HARRY SAWYER, at Lincoln, Nebraska, the following tracings have been re-  
ceived at the Omaha Office and are enclosed herewith:-

1. Letter with postmark of Omaha, Nebr., 12/21/34, to  
Mrs. A. Sandlovich, 2122 Sewall St., Lincoln, Nebr.,  
addressed to Mrs. A. Sandlovich, 2122 Sewall St.,  
Lincoln, Nebr., the address on the envelope being typed

2. Bearing postmark of Inglewood, Calif., 12/31/34,  
addressed to Mrs. Ray Sandlovich, 2122 Sewall St.,  
Lincoln, and carrying return address of "1010 E.  
65th St., Inglewood, Calif."

3. An air mail letter with postmark of "Havana, Cuba,  
January 1, 1935", addressed to Mrs. A. Sandlovich,  
2828 Sheridan Road, Lincoln, Nebr. In the upper  
left hand corner is written "Panama Pacific Line."

As this cover was to be maintained for fifteen days during the  
Holiday Season, same is being discontinued but will be renewed if desired.  
Special Agent J. R. Green, of this office, advises that his confidential  
Jewish informant at Lincoln, Nebraska, informs him he has as yet been unable  
to secure the present addresses of Sawyer's sister, who are widows and last  
reported as living in California, but that he will make every effort to  
secure this information.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge

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CC Division, St. Paul  
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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Post Office Drawer #1457,  
St. Louis, Missouri,  
January 11, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 829,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218;  
ARTHUR BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. 1213;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.  
1938, ET AL.  
Edward George Bremer, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Mr. J. M. Hannigan, 722 Chestnut Street, St. Louis, Missouri,  
was interviewed this morning by Special Agent J. C. Sloane and he  
stated that Mr. R. A. Guttman was a former investigator for his legal  
firm and that he had worked for said firm for the last seven years.  
He stated that Mr. Guttman left St. Louis around October or November  
1, 1934 and went to Chicago and that he is presently working for Mr.  
O. M. Gallant, former St. Louis law partner, at #1 LaSalle Street  
Bldg., #1 LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois. He stated that to the  
best of his knowledge, Mr. Guttman was now residing in Chicago at  
3918 or 3920 Pine Grove and that he was doing investigative work  
for Mr. Gallant. He stated that Mr. Guttman was a very high type  
of a man, married and had one child, very honest and very reliable  
and that he would not become mixed up in any trouble and that he had  
been in no trouble while in St. Louis.

Mr. Hannigan stated that he had just returned from Chicago  
and that he was in Chicago the day after the shooting of Russell Gib-  
son and that he had talked to Mr. Guttman, who advised him that he  
lived in the same apartment and used the same apartment entrance that  
subject Gibson did. Mr. Hannigan stated that on the night of the  
shooting, Mr. Guttman had parked his car in front of the apartment  
building and that was probably the reason why information was being  
sought regarding Missouri 1934 license #560-860.

Very truly yours,

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R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge. JAN 14 1935

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TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
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NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END LETTER

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J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

San Antonio, Texas  
January 8, 1935

Melvin H. Purvis,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RETEL BREKID THIRTY FOUR NASH SEDAN MOTOR E THREE NINE SEVEN EIGHT THREE  
TEXAS LICENSE TWO EIGHT SIX THREE TWO NINE REGISTERED BY S P CHAMBERS ELEVEN  
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PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON  
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J. C. WILLEVER  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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JANUARY 10 1935

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U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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ST PAUL MINNESOTA

BREKID ADVISE CHARACTER REPUTATION PARTIES TO WHOM NINETEEN  
THIRTY FOUR MINNESOTA LICENSE NUMBER SIX SIX NINE EIGHT FIVE ISSUED CHEVROLET  
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HANSON

ORG GOVT RATE  
OFF BUS  
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MARCH 10, 1925

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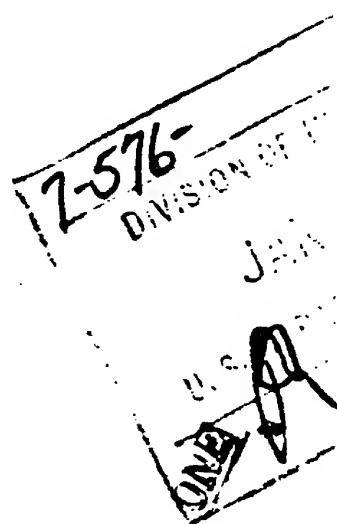
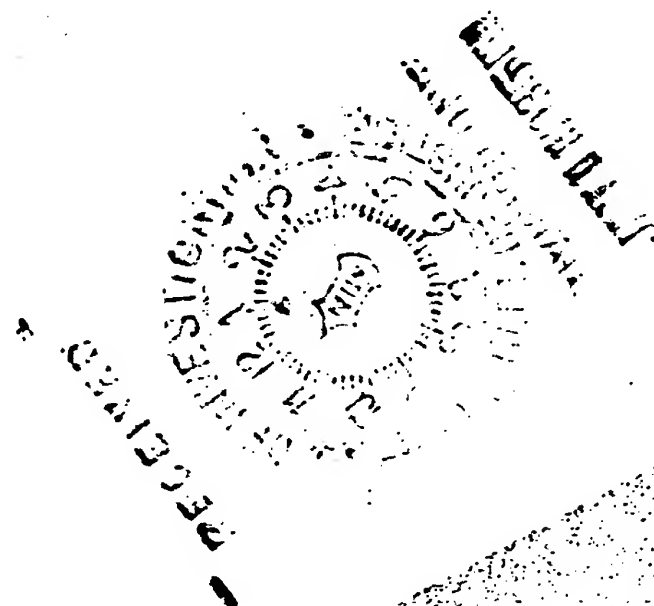
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E. J. CONNELLEY,  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,  
1900 BANKERS BUILDING,  
CHICAGO, ILL.

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STOP PRENTISS EMPLOYED BY GRAVEN AND COMPANY ELEVEN WEST DIVISION STREET  
CHICAGO PRENTISS HIS WIFE AND GROWN SON LEFT FORWARDING ADDRESS SURF HOTEL  
SURF AND PINE GROVE AVENUE CHICAGO

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U. S.  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Division of Investigation  
Omaha, Nebraska,  
January 8, 1935.



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January 8, 1935

R. E. VETTERLI  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
801 TITLE GUARANTY BUILDING  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

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R. D. WHITE  
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FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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and the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

St. Louis, Missouri,  
1-8-35, 8:30 P.M.,  
Straight

E. J. Connelley  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

BREXID MISSOURI NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR LICENSE THREE SIX NAUGHT SIX SIX NAUGHT  
ISSUED ROBERT A GUTTMAN TEN FOURTEEN A MCCAUSLAND STLOUIS FOR ROCKNE MOTOR  
NUMBER B FIVE THREE FOUR SIX STOP GUTTMAN LISTED IN NINETEEN TELEPHONE CITY  
DIRECTORY AS INVESTIGATOR FOR GALLANT HANNIGAN AND SUMER STLOUIS LAW FIRM  
LISTED AS LAWYER IN NINETEEN THIRTYTWO STOP WIFES NAME VERA

VETTERLI

CC DIVISION (BY MAIL) ✓  
KANSAS CITY (BY MAIL)  
ST. PAUL (BY MAIL)



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WESTERN UNION MESSENGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES



1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri  
January 11, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley  
P. O. Box 889  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219  
HUCKLE GIBSON with aliases, I.O. #1213  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1214  
et al  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Information recently came to this office to the effect that the mother of Subject Alvin Karpis was presently visiting her daughter, Mrs. Grooms, in Topeka, Kansas. Agents of this office are presently making investigation there and it appears that there is a woman there who may be Subject Karpis' mother. This woman being from Chicago. Reference to your copy of my letter to the Oklahoma City office dated January 10, 1935, you will note that apparently the party in question sent a postcard recently to Mrs. Dorothy Karpis, 814 East Brady, Apartment 10, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Will you kindly advise if it is known from your contacts in Chicago whether Subject Karpis' mother is presently away from her home in Chicago.

Very truly yours,

R. B. MATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Division  
St. Paul  
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Baughman	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Edwards	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Fox	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

January 8, 1935

SPECIAL DELIVERY  
PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue and 9th St., N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith copies of the  
fingerprint impressions of MONTE CARTER, CLARA GIBSON and  
RUTH HEIDT who were taken into custody on this date by the  
Chicago Division Office.

Very truly yours,  
*M. H. Purvis*  
M. H. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge.

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7-576-3741

RECORDED Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In reply to a communication received from the Chicago Division Office dated January 8, 1935, please be advised that the fingerprints submitted on RUTH HEIDT have been searched in the files of the Division of Investigation and no criminal record revealed.

A search of the files also fails to reveal any fingerprint record concerning CLARA GIBSON. There appears, however, a notation to the effect that one Clara Gibson was wanted by the Division in connection with the above case per information appearing in the Division bulletin of September 17, 1934.

A search of the files of this Division reveals that MONTE CARTER, whose fingerprints were also transmitted, is identical with one Byron Bolton, wanted by the Division Offices at Chicago, Illinois and Saint Paul, Minnesota, in connection with this case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

SPECIAL DELIVERY.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 11, 1935

EAT:CSH

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer case.

11:40 A.M.

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Baughman	
Chief Clerk	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Keith	
Mr. Lester	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Schilder	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

I called Mr. Nathan in connection with Monte Carter's proposition and advised that we must consider the possibility that in making the complete statement about the case he may implicate himself. Consequently we should be careful, in making inducements to him, that no promises be made to him to hold him free of any of his own activities. Mr. Nathan advised that we have nothing against Carter now, and I stated that you had suggested, in questioning him, we not show how little we know about the facts in the case. Mr. Nathan stated that this would be kept in mind.

I advised Mr. Nathan that you desired that he also consider the desirability of taking this individual to an apartment in Chicago rather than to Detroit, if Nathan had no reason to believe that a writ might be served; that, however, you had no objection to his going to Detroit if Nathan thought that should be done. Mr. Nathan advised that the atmosphere in Chicago is antagonistic and the newspaper reporters so "snooping" that, while it might not seem confident of our own ability, he had in mind that they might be shadowed to an apartment in Chicago. He stated that this matter would be given considerable study.

I advised Mr. Nathan that you had indicated we desired the story by all means, but that if Monte puts himself "in the middle" we can't turn him loose, but we should indicate to him that if he cares to enter a plea of guilty we will make available to the court the fact that he furnished us with full and complete information. I advised that his record was being checked in the Identification Unit to see if he was wanted anywhere. I advised Mr. Nathan that I had told you that, to the best of my knowledge we had had no official request from the local authorities or anyone else for Carter when we got through with him. He stated that this was correct, although the morning "Tribune" had stated a request had been received by us. I further advised that, if our records did not show Carter as being wanted, and no official request was received, there was no reason why we could not turn him loose when we had finished. Mr. Nathan stated we would undoubtedly receive a request. I advised Mr. Nathan that you desired to emphasize the fact that Carter must be held while his story was being checked.

I advised also that you desired a telegraphic report, when they received a copy of the coroner's report, as to whether there was anything of a derogatory nature therein.

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Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

January 10, 1935

12:25 P.M.

Mr. Nathan.....  
Mr. Tolson.....  
Mr. Clegg.....  
Mr. Baughman.....  
Chief Clerk.....  
Mr. Coffey.....  
Mr. Edwards.....  
Mr. Egan.....  
Mr. Harbo.....  
Mr. Keith.....  
Mr. Lester.....  
Mr. Quinn.....  
Mr. Schilder.....  
Mr. Tamm.....  
Mr. Tracy.....  
Miss Gandy.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I talked with Mr. Nathan at Chicago and stated that I understood that it was Alvin Karpis who was in custody at Chicago. Mr. Nathan stated that Mr. Purvis had talked with you about the matter, giving you the information; that he was "in and out of the room" at the time; that he was not certain but he was fairly sure Mr. Purvis had said "Doc" Barker, who is spoken of in Chicago as "No. 5". I advised that the Director desired a full and complete report on the entire matter, the pick-up of the individual, the shooting, etc. He stated he would see that this leaves the Chicago Office today. I stated that the Director desired a report every day on developments at Chicago. I advised that a teletype message would be the best manner in which to transmit the information daily to the Division; that investigative reports as often as practicable. Mr. Nathan stated that the Chief Deputy Coroner has been at the Chicago Office, and has stated that Monte Carter, whom they have at that office, has been identified as the chauffeur for Killer Burke, who is now confined in the Michigan Penitentiary under a life sentence. It is believed that Carter was a perpetrator of the St. Valentine's Day killing and the authorities in Chicago desire the gun used by Gibson the night he was shot, for ballistic purposes. Mr. Nathan told the Coroner that the gun was being sent in to Washington today for ballistic tests, and that he had no doubt but that after we had completed our tests here, we would turn the gun over to him; that we would be glad to cooperate. I advised that we could furnish the Coroner with specimen bullets immediately. He advised we had no immediate leads.

Mr. Nathan stated that there was an article in the Tribune this morning which indicated that Federal Agents were using the State of Illinois as a conquered province. The article also indicated that we had put gas in the wrong room.

He stated everyone knows we have Carter and also that we have Clarence Gibson. He stated Carter ~~should~~ be charged with violation of the Unregistered Gun Act. I asked if Polton alias Carter knew we had #5 in custody, and Mr. Nathan replied that he did not. He advised #5 was doing no talking at all.

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Respectfully,

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E. A. Tamm

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Well if they cleaned  
up their own dirty mess  
& ran out of the town this  
underworld mouthpiece,  
The Tribune, the Federal  
Govt wouldn't have to do so much  
work in Chicago. There must be a good  
reason why most criminals gravitate to Chicago.

J.C.H.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 9, 1935

Time-2:00A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR TAMM

A representative of the Chicago Tribune called this morning and stated that he had received a telegram from the editor there advising him that suspects in a kidnaping case and Federal agents were engaged in a gun battle in Chicago tonight and requesting him to contact the Division for a statement. I advised that I had no information concerning the gun battle.

Respectfully,

*R. L. Moore*  
R. L. Moore

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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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Washington, D. C.

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January 10, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

12:15 P.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Baughman..
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Keith.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Schilder.....
Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

While talking with Mr. Connelley he advised in connection with the Gibson matter at Chicago that he had just returned from the coroner's hearing, at which Mrs. Gray, the wife, testified that that was her husband; that the Agents had ordered them out of the apartment and they had come out the front door and he went out the back door and she had heard some shots. He stated that they had not yet received the coroner's report.

I advised Mr. Connelley that I had been told he or Mr. Nathan advised the Director that Karpis was in custody, but that the fingerprints received this morning were those of "Doc" Barker. Mr. Connelley stated he did not believe he had said anything to the effect that Karpis was in custody and there must have been some misunderstanding, as Barker is the one in custody. He stated the other individual is Monte Carter whose right name is J. P. Tolton; that the State has been looking for this individual in connection with the St. Valentine's day massacre in Chicago in 1928. Connelley advised that neither of the individuals in custody will talk very much.

I asked Mr. Connelley whether he thought the associates of Barker, when he does not show up for several days, will assume he is in custody and attempt to get a lawyer and get a writ on us. Mr. Connelley stated they had anticipated this possibility and had been considering filing against him for possession of an unregistered gun, which carries a five year penalty; that, of course, if this done publicity will result, but his associates obtain a writ there will be nothing else we can do.

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Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 9, 1935

Time-1:10A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Mr. Helgesen of the Washington Herald called this morning and asked for Mr. Tolson's number at the Westchester Apartments. He stated that he had just received a report that suspects in the Bremer Kidnaping and agents of the Department of Justice were engaged in a gun battle tonight in Wisconsin. I advised Mr. Helgesen that I did not have Mr. Tolson's number and since he is the Assistant Director in charge of Personnel, he would not have information concerning this matter. Mr. Helgesen stated that he had Mr. Tolson's private telephone number but would wait until in the morning to call him or contact the Division concerning the information received by him.

Respectfully,

*R. L. Moore*  
R. L. Moore.

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TOLSON  
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1616 Federal Reserve  
Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri

January 10, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232  
ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Information has been received by this office through the Sheriff at Topeka, Kansas, that the mother of Subject Karpis is apparently visiting in Topeka at the home of her daughter, one Mrs. Grooms, having arrived on or about Christmas day, 1934. Agents of this office are presently at Topeka, and have been conducting inquiries to determine whether there is any likelihood that Subject Karpis will endeavor to contact his mother while there. I have just been advised by Special Agent R. C. Reed, who is at Topeka, that through an informant contacted in Topeka he was advised that within the past two or two a postcard has been forwarded, apparently by the Subject's mother, to Mrs. Dorothy Karpis, 212 East Brady, Apartment 19, Topeka, Kansas. This postcard, in effect, was as follows: "I am here all O.K. Topeka just like Chicago. Don't know anybody here."

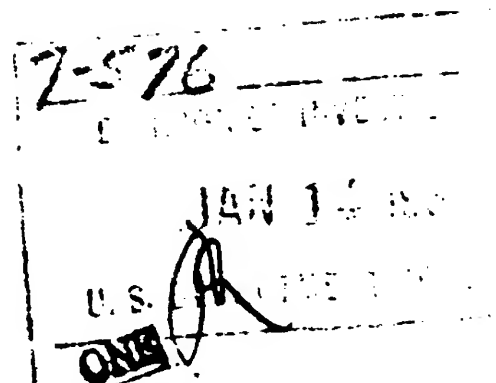
The substance of this information was furnished to Special Agent J. B. Little, of the Oklahoma City Office, by telephone on January 10, 1935. Appropriate inquiries will be continued at Topeka, and any developments will be promptly reported.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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L. J. Connelley, Chicago



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CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
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TELEGRAM	DAY LETTER
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	SHIP RADIOGRAM
WEEK-END CABLE LETTER	RADIOGRAM

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# Postal Telegraph

THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

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RECEIVER'S NAME

CHECK

TIME FILED

STANDARD TIME

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof,

San Francisco, Calif. Jan. 4, 1935.

R. A. ALT  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
412 U.S. COURT HOUSE AND POST OFFICE BLDG.  
JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA

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BREKID NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR CALIFORNIA TAGS TWO E SIX SIX THREE NINE ISSUED JANUARY  
NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR MRS. NORA RADTKE WILLARD HOTEL SANFRANCISCO ON NINETEEN THIRTY ONE  
OAKLAND SEDAN MOTOR V THREE TWO TWO EIGHT SEVENTEEN SERIAL THIRTY EIGHT SIX FOUR NINE  
STOP RECORDS INDICATE NINETEEN THIRTY THREE FLORIDA PLATES THREE TWO DASH SIX SEVEN  
ONE ON THIS CAR IN SAME NAME ADDRESS PLANT CITY HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY FLORIDA ALSO  
NOTATION NINETEEN THIRTY TWO OHIO PLATES E THREE SIX DASH NAUGHT NAUGHT EIGHT STOP  
CALIFORNIA OPERATOR'S LICENSE ISSUED NORA RADTKE DECEMBER TWENTY SEVEN NINETEEN  
THIRTY THREE DESCRIBES HER AGE TWENTY NINE FIVE FEET FIVE ONE HALF HUNDRED TWENTY  
EIGHT POUNDS BROWN HAIR EYES MARRIED FATHER ROBERT CATRON. ADVISE IF DESIRE FURTHER

January 8, 1934.

GUS T JONES  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1216 SMITH YOUNG TOWER BLDG  
SAN ANTONIO TEXAS

BREXID ASCERTAIN NAME ADDRESS OWNER DESCRIPTION AUTOMOBILE NINETEEN THIRTY  
FOUR TEXAS LICENSES TWO EIGHT SIX THREE TWO NINE AND TWO TWO EIGHT TEN  
SEVEN

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January 8, 1934

R B NATHAN  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BLDG  
KANSAS CITY MISSOURI

BREKID ASCERTAIN NAME ADDRESS OWNER DESCRIPTION AUTOMOBILE NINETEEN THIRTY  
FOUR MISSOURI LICENSE THREE SIX NAUGHT SIX SIX NAUGHT

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